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WORLD LABOR UNITY SPEEDED

L.A. Negroes Open Campaign to Curb Sweetnam Terror

Demand Open Quiz of Vice Czar's Brutality

ASK $200,000 DAMAGES

Complaints Show Citizens Beaten, Homes Wrecked by Vandal Cops

LOS ANGELES—The reign of terror against all who oppose Lieut. Sidney Sweetnam, Central avenue vice overlord, drew nearer to a public airing this week when Thomas W. Myles, crusader against the Sweetnam clique, turned down the Police Commission's offer of a secret hearing into Sweetnam's activities and demanded a "full, free and open" investigation.

"Honest, respectable tax payers have been hounded and intimidated by violence simply because they spoke out against the festering sore of corruption in their neighborhood, and we feel that they and the rest of the public have a right to sit in at the hearing," Myles declared.

Myles' demand for an open hearing followed complaints to the Police Commission of a general breakdown in law enforcement in the Newton Avenue Division of the Police Department.

Terror Described

His letter to the Commission cited a half-dozen of many cases where homes of citizens had been riddled with bullets, windows smashed with rocks and the citizens themselves thrown into jail on trumped-up charges, after they "dared exercise the constitutional prerogative of a free press and condemned the vicious practices of Lieut. Sidney Sweetnam."

If the Police Commission should decide against an open hearing, Myles declared he will go into court and ask for a writ of mandamus to compel the Commission to air the affair in public.

Persons Outraged

Those named in the letter as suffering outrages at Sweetnam's hands were: James M. Alexander, former cashier and auditor of the department of Internal Revenue, home riddled with bullets because he published articles unfavorable to the vice regime; Elliot I. Johnson, vice president of the Haitian Coffee Company, windows smashed with bricks, because he is an associate of the group opposing Sweetnam.

Baron Lawson, civic leader and government employee, was arrested by C. Stovall, who is Sweetnam's chief stooge and member of the vice squad, and "framed" with a narcotic cigarette. He was later acquitted in court. Lawson is a member of the committee exposing corruption of the Sweetnam clique.

Well Known Citizens

Arthur Sims, property owner and respected citizen, gave an affidavit to an agent of Grand Juror Clifford E. Clinton concerning vice conditions. A few days later he was arrested on a trumped-up charge by Sweetnam, Davis and Stovall. He was acquitted by a jury in court after only one ballot. Clarence Anderson, son of a well-known contractor, was without provocation brutally beaten by Sweetnam; James E. Bratton, churchman, arrested as a "dissolute person" by Sweetnam's vice crusaders, Stovall and Davis.

Already law suits totaling nearly $200,000 on grounds of false arrest and false imprisonment, are being prepared against Sweetnam and his Vice Squad. Two have already been filed.

Boycott Parley Planned

OAKLLAND—A conference of affiliated organizations and trade unions to organize an anti-Japanese boycott here Sunday, December 19, was announced by the American League Against War and Fascism. The conference will be held at Carpenters Hall, 761 12th Street.

Meanwhile the American League has written all large department and chain stores in this locality asking them not to sell Japanese made goods.

JAPAN DEFIES POWERS; TAKES CHINA CUSTOMS

British and U. S. Warn Invaders to Respect "Open Door"

TOKYO — Their position reinforced by fascist Italy's official recognition of Manchukuo, Japanese imperialists this week answered British and American protests against seizure of Chinese customs with an emphatic insistence on Japan's "Right to act independently."

While Chinese forces were strengthening their positions around Nanking in preparation of an expected heavy offensive by the invaders, the sharp exchange of notes between Tokio and the democratic powers captured world attention.

"We do not have to consult Great Britain and the United States regarding our projected actions in Shanghai," declared a spokesman for the Japanese foreign office. The declaration evoked from Hull and the British foreign office notes calling for a formal reply.

Background of this latest phase of the invasion were these developments:

(1) In Shanghai, a Japanese Army spokesman said that advance forces had driven to within 50 miles of Nanking, after a terrific bombardment.

(2) A rigid Japanese censorship was clamped down in Shanghai on all Chinese communication agencies; no messages are allowed into the General Telegraph office from foreign countries.

(3) Japan's agents in Shanghai tightened their grip on Chinese customs in conjunction with a statement of a Tokio foreign office spokesman on the necessity of closer Japanese control of customs.

Each of these developments caused representatives of other foreign powers in Shanghai increasing uneasiness.

Although the communications order did not include the American Commercial Pacific Cable, Radio Corporation of America and Mackay Radio nor the British Eastern Extension company, these agencies must now submit all outgoing messages to "Chinese" censorship. But as Japanese representatives are now in complete charge of post offices, cable and radio administrations, this arrangement means virtual censorship by Tokio.

British interests are particularly worried about the customs revenue, which however, continued under direction of a Britisher, Sir Frederick Maze, as inspector-general. This service, technically a branch of the Chinese government, has been largely administered by foreign officials.

Nippon administrators declared their intention in controlling the customs to be the squeezing off of the millions of dollars which ordinarily flows from this custom revenue to the Nanking government.

CIO Presses Fight On Hague Terror

JERSEY CITY, N. J.—Arrest of 13 union organizers and members and the "escorting" of some 40 more outside the city by Mayor Frank Hague's police, will be answered by the CIO with a suit against the police and Hague for false arrest and for assault and battery, announced an attorney for the CIO.

"Hague has gotten away with this too long," said William J. Carney, CIO state director, who charged workers here have been "terrorized and intimidated by the police of Mayor (I am the Law) Hague."

The workers were arrested when they tried to distribute organizing leaflets.

MASS LAYOFFS HIT UNIONS ON S. P. RAILROAD

Shop Men Take Brunt As 2000 Laid Off Despite Company Promises

PITTSBURG, Contra Costa County—Layoffs struck hard here last Saturday when it was learned 1200 steel workers were laid off by the Columbia Steel Mills until December 1, when they are to go back to work for two weeks, only to be laid off again until January 1. (See Page 8 for background story.)

Other layoffs in this county include 500 men of 1500 employed by Shell Oil in its Martinez refinery, 200 of 1900 at the Crockett Sugar Mills, 40 of 176 at Rheims Steel Plant in Richmond, and 100 of 500 at the Selby Smelter Co.

SAN FRANCISCO—Mass layoffs hit employees of the Southern Pacific Railroad system, from Portland to El Paso, last Friday, with the shop men taking the biggest blow with 2000 being laid off. Three hundred were laid off in the shops here, with the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen taking the brunt.

Although the railroad reported even greater profits for 1937 than in 1936, and although it had agreed there would be no more layoffs when the men went on the five-day week several months ago, the lowest men on the seniority lists were struck off the payroll.

Worse Than Before

Officials of local unions in the San Francisco shops declared the present layoffs even more severe than those that occurred during the lowest point of the last economic crisis.

Previously the S. P. had not only agreed to no more layoffs, but to reinstating all men on the six-day week on January 1. The carrier said economic conditions "forced" the present layoffs.

H. C. Carrasco, local chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, general office lodge, reported a few layoffs but said his local was always last to feel the layoffs.

No Accurate Check

The operating brotherhoods declared they had suffered a number of layoffs, but had no accurate check as yet.

C. W. Moffitt, acting general chairman for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, said 1500 had been laid off during the depth of the depression years, and General Chairman R. J. Brooks, of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, said their membership rolls had been cut during that period from some 4900 down to 2700.

For 30-Hour Week

One rank and file fireman reported he had first been cut off the "day board" where he had high seniority rating last summer, and was now in danger of being cut off the "afternoon board."

Asked as to measures for fighting layoffs, Moffitt stated his organization nationally was supporting the Crosser Bill for a 30-hour week on the railroads, even though firemen are paid on a mileage basis.

Benson to Fly Here For Mooney Meeting

Shelley Will Preside at Monster Mass Demonstration for Famed Prisoners

SAN FRANCISCO—Minnesota's fighting liberal governor, Elmer Benson, will fly 2000 miles to give the main speech at the Mooney-Billings mass meeting in the Civic Auditorium on Sunday, Dec. 5th, at 2 p. m.

The chairman of the big meeting, which has as its purpose to spur the movement to free Tom Mooney and Warren Billing's and to speed the Mooney case to the United States Supreme Court, will be Jack Shelley, president of the San Francisco Labor Council. Harry Bridges, CIO regional director for the west, will also speak.

Other well-known men to appear on the program will be Sheriff Murphy, George F. Irvine of the Railroad Employees Mooney Committee and Rev. Ben Wilson, renowned liberal minister.

Benson Well-known

The appearance of Governor Benson is awaited here with keen interest, where he is well-known for his introduction of the American Youth Act and other progressive legislation during his career as Senator. In November, 1936, Benson was elected to the office of Governor by a majority of 200,000 votes and has since proved himself the outstanding progressive governor in the country.

Benson has been one of the warmest supporters of Tom Mooney's fight for freedom.

In a letter last June, Governor Benson wrote to Mooney: "I am convinced . . . . and I believe that the great majority of the American people is convinced of your innocence and of the innocence of Billings. Any fair-minded person who is familiar with the evidence in your case and the events subsequent to your conviction must form the conclusion that your case constitutes a monstrous miscarriage of justice for which every real American must hang his head in shame."

FDR OUTLINES HOUSING PLAN

Proposes Reduction of Hourly Wage Rates

WASHINGTON—Treading on the most dangerous ground he's ventured on during the present session of Congress, President Roosevelt outlined a long-range housing program in which he proposed reduction of hourly wage rates in the building industry and the reduction of construction costs.

The President proposed amendments to the Federal Housing Act to facilitate the granting of credits to builders and reduce the cost of financing home construction.

He also suggested the stimulation of large-scale construction with a $50,000,000 grant from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation.

He placed a great deal of faith in this program as an antidote for business recession.

Tories in and out of Congress looked upon the message as an opening wedge for a wage cutting drive, not only in building but in other industries.

GOV. ELMER BENSON

Big Parley Predicted

Unions Elect Delegates to Non-Partisan Confab

SAN FRANCISCO—With credentials representing more than 40,000 members of local unions already received, a large turnout at Labor's Non-Partisan League convention in San Francisco, December 11 and 12, was predicted here this week.

The San Mateo Central Labor Council, Eureka Federated Trades Council, Contra Costa Central Trades and Labor Council, Bay Area District Council No. 2 of the Maritime Federation and the San Francisco Joint Board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers have already elected delegates.

Basis of Representation

Calls to the convention together with credentials have been sent to every local union in the state. Local unions and organizations that function like unions (farmers, unemployed, etc.), are permitted one delegate for every 500 members or fraction. However, each union is allowed a minimum of two delegates. Central labor bodies and district councils are given two delegates, and occupational and fraternal organizations are permitted one delegate.

Offices of the League have been opened at 1124 Randall Court, Los Angeles; 525 Taylor St., Martinez; and 973 Indian Rock Road, Berkeley. The state office of the League is located at 83 McAllister St., San Francisco.

The convention will open at 10 a. m. on December 11 in Polk Hall of the San Francisco Civic Auditorium. Convention headquarters are located in the Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco.

SPOKESMEN OF 4,500,000 OK PEACE PLAN

9-Point Program Passed by Congress for Peace and Democracy

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Representatives of 4,500,000 of the American people meeting here in a Congress, called upon the Government and the people to "keep the United States out of war and help keep war out of the world."

This action climaxed the Congress for Peace and Democracy which gave birth to the American League for Peace and Democracy.

The 1,320 delegates from 806 organizations throughout the country adopted a nine-point program specifying the demands of the League for 1938.

The program included the following points:

1. Organize a citizens' committee for labor's right wherever these rights are attacked.

2. Oppose measures advocating the incorporation of unions.

3. Press for an anti-lynching bill, rights for Negroes and foreign born.

4. Oppose race prejudice and discrimination.

5. Defeat the War Department's plan to conscript labor.

6. Support nationalization of munitions manufacture.

7. Promote the boycott of Japanese goods.

8. Seek to remove restrictions on access of the Chinese and Spanish governments to the purchase of American goods and at the same time remove the risk of becoming involved in war.

9. Demand a foreign policy based upon: (a) distinction between aggressor and victim, (b) denying markets to aggressors, and (c) concerted action to quarantine the aggressor.

The Congress also adopted the constitution which includes a proposal for the exclusion of direct representatives of political parties.

Earl Browder, General Secretary of the Communist Party, and representative of the only party officially participating in the councils of the American League Against War and Fascism, supported this proposal.

He deplored the fact that the Communist Party was the only party which had officially worked in the League, and pledged that individual Communists will continue to work energetically in the interests of the League, as representatives of unions and mass organizations.

Dr. Harry F. Ward was unanimously re-elected chairman of the League.

Assistant Teachers Win 12% Pay Raise

BERKELEY — Teaching assistants at the University of California have received a 12 per cent wage increase, according to announcement in the Daily Californain last Monday. On their present salary of $600 a year, it means an increase to $660.

Since research workers and readers were excluded from the increase, the teaching assistants called a meeting for Wednesday night to press a demand that they also get a raise.

Front Against Fascism, War Basis for Talks

Basic Principles for Soviet Labor's Joining Amsterdam International Reached at Conference

MOSCOW—Unification of the world trade union movement neared realization as Soviet trade union chiefs and representatives of the International Federation of Trade Unions concluded a five-day conference here on Friday.

It was agreed by the conferees that the basis for Soviet affiliation to the IFTU be a common world front against fascism and war.

Basic principles for unity agreed upon will be presented for ratification to the Soviet All-Union Central Council of Trade Union and the General Council of the IFTU.

50,000,000 Involved

Should the unity proposals be finally accepted, the result would be a united trade union movement of close to 50,000,000 members. There are 23,000,000 trade unionists in the Soviet Union.

The IFTU, commonly referred to as the Amsterdam International, is associated with the Second Socialist International. Previous advances for unity made by the Soviet trade unions had been rebuffed.

The present favorable response is attributed to the success of trade union unitication in France, Spain and Mexico.

Particular significance is attached to this action at this particular time because of the emergence of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio pro-war and pro-fascist front. In a sense, this is labor's answer to the world fascist line-up. Potentially, this united world trade union movement is one of the most powerful combines for the defense of democracy and peace.

The IFTU delegation at the unity talks was headed by Leon Jouhaux, general secretary of the French Confederation of Labor, and Walter Schevenels, general secretary of the IFTU.

The Soviet unions were represented by N. Schvernik, A. Moskatov and Nikolayeva.

Last convention of the American Federation of Labor in Denver sought affiliation to the IFTU. AFL representative Matthew Woll went to Europe to discuss details of affiliation.

AFL REJECTS CIO BID FOR LABOR UNITY

Protection of Membership of CIO Demanded in Proposal

WASHINGTON—The American Federation of Labor top officials struck a blow against labor unity last Monday, when conferences with the Committee for Industrial Organization reconvened, by flatly rejecting a proposal offered by the CIO.

The AFL committee of three termed the CIO proposal a "partial truce" and said no agreement of any kind would be accepted except "final and full peace," which was taken by observers to mean a demand for surrender by the CIO.

AFL Balks Unity

Philip Murray, chairman of the CIO committee, asked the AFL to reconsider in a special meeting, but the Federation trio again refused to go along with the unity proposal.

Although not made public, the CIO proposal was believed to provide that the AFL agree in writing to granting of industrial union charters in the mass production, maritime and certain minor industries, including newspaper editorial work and furriers, and that the CIO would agree to rejoin the Federation and work out a schedule of harmony in other industries.

Protects CIO Members

The CIO stood firm on its demand that its membership be formed into an autonomous department within the AFL and that the AFL constitution be amended to strike out many autocratic powers of the Federation's executive council.

The unity parleys were to continue Tuesday morning.

NEW CIO UNION TO BE FORMED

AFL Upholsterers Will Aid In Furniture Drive

WASHINGTON — New Committee for Industrial Organization advances in organizing the unorganized, loomed here following the unanimous vote of delegates representing 50,000 organized workers in the furniture industry, to have a referendum of their membership on CIO affiliation.

Sal B. Hoffman, president of the AFL Upholsterers Union, with 36,000 members, endorsed the decisions, stating:

"We have always been in favor of CIO principles. We know the kind of treatment we have received from the AFL."

Hoffman said he would urge immediate action of his union on CIO affiliation.

The delegates also pledged full support to the drive to organize the 250,000 workers in the furniture industry. The conference of furniture workers was called together by the CIO.

Worker Risks Life To Save Friend

LOS ANGELES — Heroically risking his own life to save a fellow worker from a fiery death, J. Cecil Parish, 33 year old pipe worker, was in Beverly Hills Emergency Hospital early this week with seared lungs and burned hands and arms as a result of the rescue.

Parish and F. K. Hodges were working on a huge gas main in the 8900 block on Sunset Boulevard, from which the gas was supposed to have been drained. But unknown to the men, gas had compressed in one end of the pipe and when Hodges began to work on it with an acetylene torch, it exploded with a detonation that shook the neighborhood and sent a blazing geyzer a 100 feet into the air.

Leaping into the hole where Hodges was completely at the mercy of the searing flames, Parish, literally inhaling fire, drew his companion to safety.

Both men were said to be out of danger, though Hodges suffered first and second degree burns about the head and arms.

Daily Paper Named People's World; 5 Contestants Split 1st Prize Money

"The PEOPLE'S WORLD—so it shall be!"

There was something breath taking about the announcement as the tally of the votes of members of the State Committee of the Communist Party on the name for the new people's paper to appear on January 1, was completed.

The historic decision was arrived at after a careful consideration of the many names submitted in the special contest, and after a thorough discussion which was guided by the following principles:

1. The name must be one that readily suggests a newspaper in the public mind, a name that through tradition is associated with a newspaper.

2. The name must be indicative of the broad character of the people's front movement in which the Communist Party is a vital force.

3. It must not conflict with existing long-established newspapers because that would create confusion and might involve the paper in legal difficulties.

On that basis, after a painstaking process of elimination the name PEOPLE'S WORLD was arrived at.

Others Favored

There had been others equally favored which were dropped because they conflicted with existing names on the Pacific Coast. Particularly, was that true of PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE. But Communist State Committeemen from Alameda explained that this would conflict with the Oakland Tribune, to the new paper's disadvantage, and attorneys who were consulted said there was possibility of a legal suit and and injunction.

The same difficulties were involved in other names.

Since several people suggested name combinations including the word, WORLD, and since none of them had the combination PEOPLE'S WORLD, the State Committee decided that the first prize of $50 be divided among the five contestants who offered some variation on the name WORLD.

They are: J. E. Snyder of Oakland, Ed Fischer of New York; A. G. Johnson of Los Angeles, E. S. Nelson of San Francisco, and Aaron Katz of Seattle.

(For further details on name contest, see Page 2.)

Speaking of Good Angels . . .

A little old man walked into the Western Worker office last Friday, and laid down $100.00 in $10 bills.

"What's this?" gasped the girl in the office.

He said: "$25 for the Western Worker; $25 for the Communist Party; $25 for the Spanish people; $25 for the Chinese people."

He refused to give his name and address.

Nazis Hail Killer In Vigilante Center

Uniformed Men Heil for Hitler As Sadist Speaks

SANTA ROSA — Baron Manfred von Killinger, San Francisco's infamous Nazi Consul, stepped out in public here last week at a meeting sponsored by the German-American Bund. The character of the meeting at Germania Hall of this city was indicated by the presence of a large Nazi Swastika flag which hung over the speakers' platform and by a dozen "storm troopers," dressed in the uniform of the Bund.

Scattered around the hall and evidently looking for trouble, these men wore military dark trousers and grey shirts with Sam Browne belts and blue overseas caps.

Lauds Hitler

Von Killinger spoke in German for an hour about the supposedly great advances that Germany had made under the Hitler fascist dictatorship. He took particular pains to discount the innumerable press reports to the effect that the food situation in Germany is very bad.

Also featured at the meeting was Herman Schwinn of Los Angeles and coast leader of the Bund. Schwinn was attired even more elaborately than his henchmen with an immaculate blue military top coat.

Without exception, each speaker saluted the audience of predominantly middle-aged and elderly people with the traditional Nazi salute. At the close of the meeting, the chairman called for and received three vigorous "heils"—the German salutation to Hitler.

Pretends Patriotism

Schwinn, advertised as "a genuine Nazi—just returned from Germany," tried to explain in English the harmless nature of the German-American Bund. He denied vigorously that the Bund was the American counterpart of Naziism, but maintained that the organization was "genuinely American and dedicated to the extermination of communism."

In addition to the big Swastika flag, the Italian and American flags were displayed. The proximity of the German and Italian flags, Schwinn explained, indicated the projection of the Hitler-Mussolini alliance onto American shores.

Although both speakers emphasized that reports of bad living conditions in Germany were entirely false, a collection was taken up for "Winterhilfe"—the winter relief agency which gave small donations to 13,000,000 hungry Germans last winter.

Many Locals

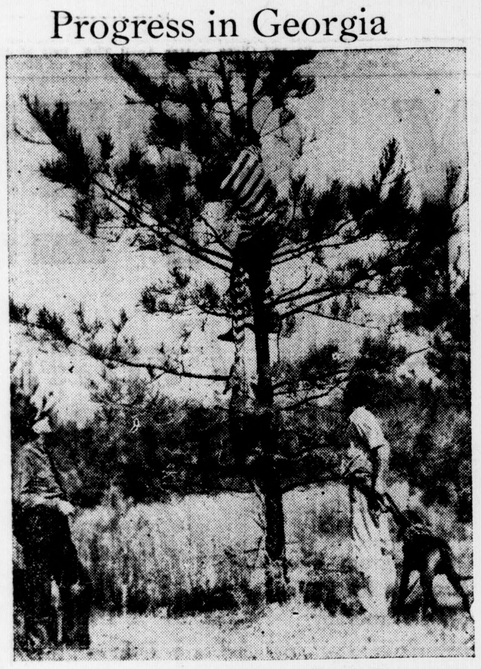
Herman Schwinn attained particular eminence among pro-Nazi elements in this country since attending the Suttgart "Congress of Germans Living Abroad" last summer. At this "congress," Germans were given detailed instructions and directions by Nazi propaganda experts on organizing Nazi movements abroad.

After the meeting it was disclosed that the Bund has locals in many cities on the Pacific Coast with gentiles of non-German descent eligible for membership. The most thriving chapter is in the Petaluma area, seat of many vigilante activities in the past.

According to recent congressional investigations, the German-American Bund has supplanted the "Friends of New Germany" as the chief avenue of pro-Nazi propaganda in this country.

Far from being alarmed by this manifestation of Nazi organization in California, the local Santa Rosa Press-Democrat viewed the event with interest and devoted a colorful feature story to the meeting.

Progress in Georgia



GUARDS of the Cobb county prison demonstrate how dogs are trained to "get their man" when pursuing escaped convicts. While planning to abolish the chain gang, George invents other techniques for the "humane" treatment of its prisoners.

Split in Labor Holds Peril to Victories of Western Progressives

Hathaway Declares Unity Can Defeat Reactionary Regimes in Seattle and California State

By C. A. HATHAWAY

SEATTLE, Wash.—Politics these days become ever more complex. This I had come to realize before I started on my western tour, from our experiences in New York, Detroit, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The West emphasized this fact.

In California, with proper consideration to the relationship of forces within the state, there exists the possibility of a far-reaching political upheaval in the 1938 elections.

The same can be said of Washington and Oregon.

In California the reactionary Republican machine has been in power continuously for 41 years. Even Tammany Hall in New York never enjoyed spoils and graft for so long. And in California the Republicans, now headed by Governor Merriam, live up to the same high civic virtues as did Tammany at its best. And of course where the employer-employee relationships are involved they are always to be found on the side of the employers.

Betrayed Progressives

In Seattle there is the Mayor, John Dore, a Democrat. He was elected with the support of the progressives. But he has betrayed the trust they placed in him. He has come out against the CIO, using his police to smash picket lines. He has characterized Seattle women as "furclad hussies." He cancelled the contract which the Communist Party had made with the Civic Auditorium for my meeting, and and then used his police powers to close a second hall where I was supposed to speak on the pretext that it was his duty "to prevent a riot." Were it not for the radio I would have been denied the privilege of speaking at all in Seattle. Only the week before he had appeared at an open Nazi meeting, saluting the Nazi flag, giving the Nazi salute, and joining in the "Horst Wessel."

Must Have Unity

What primarily is back of all this? Simply this: **The split in the trade union movement, and the resulting inability of labor to win over all the progressive forces.**

Merriam cannot be defeated in California; Dore cannot be defeated in Seattle, unless all the progressive forces are united. That in the first place means the political unity of labor.

Dave Beck, the teamsters' czar, is responsible for the disunity in Washington and to a great degree on the entire West Coast. He is the Joe Ryan of the Pacific. He is the ally of the reactionaries of both old parties, Republican and Democratic. He was the one who stopped our meeting in Seattle, who used the police against CIO picket lines, who made a united front with the Nazis and vigilantes.

One Group Insufficient

These forces cannot be defeated in next year's elections without extraordinary attention to the relationship of forces. They cannot be defeated by the CIO and the Commonwealth Federation in Washington, or by the CIO and Epic in California. A much broader unity must be secured.

The forces of the CIO and of Labor's Non-Partisan League can be counted upon. It is also certain that the Commonwealth Federation and the remnants of Epic will work loyally with the CIO forces.

Bu that is not yet a winning combination. There is still the AFL and the progressives—small business people and professionals—outside of Epic and the Commonwealth Federation.

Affects Middle Class

The key to the winning of the middle class groups is the achievement of political unity in labor's ranks. And that means the defeat of the Dave Becks. As long as one candidate is endorsed by the CIO and an opposing candidate by the AFL we will have confusion and disorganization in middle class ranks.

The problem on the West Coast, therefore, is that of winning the AFL unions for independent political action under the banner either of Labor's Non-Partisan League or of an independent AFL body that will cooperate with LNPL, supporting the same candidates and program.

Organize!

Accompanying this effort to unite politically the ranks of labor of all sorts must be organized and brought into effective collaboration. An organized group of progressive Democrats must be set up, outside of Epic, outside the Commonwealth Federation, and much broader. Similar efforts must bring together progressive Republicans.

The boys of the West have studied New York and Detroit, and they can be counted upon to broaden their front in an effort to achieve victory.

Tolins Will Speak On Japan Boycott

SAN FRANCISCO—I. Bib Tolins, former editor of the Anti-Nazi News in Los Angeles and prominent in liberal and labor circles here, will speak on "The Boycott—A Measure for Peace" at the Jewish Community Center Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 8 p.m.

The meeting will be sponsored by the United Jewish Council to Combat Nazism and Anti-Semitism.

Committee Says Mooney Freedom Is National Issue

LOS ANGELES—The question of Tom Mooney's freedom is "No longer a problem for California, but a problem for the nation", declared Al Shanks, chairman of the Southern California Committee for the Freedom of Mooney and Billings, last week.

To carry on the fight for the freedom of Mooney, a huge protest mass meeting is scheduled to be held Friday, December 17, 8 p.m., at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

Admission will be free for the evening's meeting which is slated to present a broadly representative program of speakers and entertainment.

Write in What You Think to The "Western" Editor!

Santa Monica's Labor and Progressive Forces Making Strong Bid for City Office

Citizens' Group Supports AFL Man for Council; Puts Forward Its Own Candidates for Other Posts

SANTA MONICA—Ever-widening circles of Santa Monica citizens are rallying to the campaign of the AFL, the Citizens' Committee for United Political Action, and all progressive groups to elect C. G. "Doc" O'Brien to the Santa Monica City Council as Commissioner of Public Finance in the December 7th Municipal Election.

O'Brien, who is a strong progressive, was recently elected president of the Bay Cities Central Labor Council. For years he has been president of the Typographical Union Local in Santa Monica.

Broad Campaign

A committee set up by the Central Labor Council is running the O'Brien campaign in a very broad and friendly manner. The active participation of every progressive Santa Monican in the campaign apparatus is being solicited. And O'Brien has accepted the endorsement of the Citizens' Committee for United Political Action. He has also been endorsed by the Local Committee of the Democratic Party.

Reactionaries Divided

O'Brien's chances of election are heightened by the fact that while the progressives are united, the reactionaries are seriously split. Plummer, the incumbent, is getting the big money backing; while Helton, the other candidate for Commissioner of Public Finance, is being backed by a busy and hitherto very potent clique of hangers-on at the City Hall.

The strength of O'Brien as a progressive AFL labor candidate was indicated when the present city council repealed the anti-picketing ordinance the day after he filed for office.

While O'Brien is the only candidate the AFL is officially supporting, leading figures in the Central Labor Council are showing great interest in the three other progressives being run by the Citizens' Committee for United Political Action.

CIO Can Dictate

W. B. "Bill" Mason, militant aircraft worker and president of the Douglas Local of the International Automobile Workers, is making a strong campaign for the job of Commissioner of Public Works.

John Kemp and Luella Twining, progressive candidates for School Board, are also showing strength. With two vacancies to be filled it is felt certain that at least one of them will be elected.

Kemp is an EPIC leader and member of the Democratic County Committee. He has been an active figure in Santa Monica affairs for over twenty years. Miss Twining, an old-time Socialist, is known throughout the nation as a militant campaigner for labor and civil liberties. She is particularly associated with the early "Free Tom Mooney" struggles.

SOVIET YOUTH SING

MOSCOW — The State Music Publishers issued 7,700,000 copies of the favorite songs of the Soviet youth for the Twentieth Anniversary celebration of the October Revolution.

Majority of People Still For Roosevelt

NEW YORK — Despite the big business barrage against the new deal and President Roosevelt, the American people are retaining their faith in both according to a poll conducted by the Gallup Institute of Public Opinion.

Results of a continuous week-by-week survey conducted by the Institute show 62.8 per cent of representative voters for President Roosevelt and 37.2 per cent against him.

Last November, the President received 62.5 per cent of the majority party vote, indicating that there has been a rise in his popularity since the new deal was swept into office by the greatest majority given a presidential candidate in modern times.

TAX OFFICIAL STEALS $37,000

Shortage of Funds Known for Three Years

SAN LUIS OBISPO—Miss Frances Leland, until recently county tax collector, was indicted by the County Grand Jury on 63 counts of embezzlement, perjury and misapplication of funds.

She was released on bail of $7,500.

Shortages totaling more than $37,000 were found on the books of the office dating not only from her own regime but from that of her father, Richard Leland, to whose position she succeeded on the latter's death several years ago.

Miss Leland will be tried before Superior Court Judge T. A. Norton, with District Attorney M. R. Van Wormer, prosecuting. Both are old time associates of the Lelands in the county political machine.

Guilt Known 3 Years

The hearing had disclosed a virtual admission of the county board of supervisors that they had known of shortages in tax funds at least three years ago. The bonding company which paid part of the missing money refused to pay interest on this ground and the board, on recommendation of the district attorney and grand jury, accepted the settlement on this basis.

This aspect of the case is expected to figure strongly in the session of the county conference of Labor's Non-Partisan League, scheduled to meet here Sunday, November 28, in Woodmen of the World Hall.

Only after the demand was raised by the League was the Grand Jury hearing opened to the public.

IWO Membership Denounce Levine

SAN FRANCISCO — Having adopted the tactics of his ill-famed brother who is in the employ of Hearst, Benjamin Don Levine was denounced as a disrupter and enemy of the workers by the International Workers Order at a general membership meeting here.

Levine spread a series of slanders against the IWO district committee and its secretary, Bernard Fields, including the charge that money collected for Spain had been used for the organization's expenses.

Hearing the report of an investigating committee the membership denounced all the charges as false.

Levine had claimed a complete disagreement with his brother, Isaac Don Levine. He had been employed in a technical capacity in the IWO office.

Delegates to Speak

LOS ANGELES — Reports of American League Against War and Fascism delegates to the National Congress for Democracy and Peace held last week in Pittsburgh, will be given at an open meeting of the League to be held in the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th Street, Friday, December 3, it was announced yesterday.

Injunction Judge's Opportunity

Citizens May Urge Wilson to Stop L. A.'s Moving Mountain

LOS ANGELES—To safeguard "property rights" and "law and order," apprehensive citizens were ready late last week to petition Superior Judge Emmet H. Wilson to issue a restraining injunction against further movement of the now famed "moving mountain" here.

Because he has gained a wide reputation for his automatic handing out of anti-labor injunctions, property owners, in the vicinity of the Elysian Park sliding hillside, turned hopeful eyes to Judge Wilson as their homes and property became increasingly imperiled by the imminent avalanche of 2,000,000 tons of earth and boulders.

Refuse to Vacate

Meanwhile, as the drive for legal action against the mountain's threatened "violence and disorder" grew, police officials fretted and stormed because property owners at the foot of the sliding earth near Dayton Avenue and Riverside Drive, refused to budge from their homes.

As the movement of the mountain hourly increased, minor landslides tossed huge boulders and torrents of earth down on Riverside Drive. Largest slide since the hillside first began to slip from its moorings occurred last Wednesday when 40 tons of earth and rock rumbled off on the street.

Bridge Endangered

Directly in the path of the impending avalanche, Dayton Avenue Bridge, connecting Riverside Drive with San Fernando Road, was closed to both pedestrian and motor traffic. Mounting pressure of the downward flow of the mountain side had left sight cracks in the outer concrete covering of the bridge.

Though numerous theories were advanced for the cause of the slide, geologists, engineers, park foremen were at a loss to adequately account for it. Latest explanation was that the sprinkling system in the park had undermined the earth. Park officials vehemently denied this, however, claimed that trees and shrubs soaked up all water before it had a chance to sink into the ground.

Danger Minimized

A damper was thrown on fantastic speculations about the slide when Doctor John P. Buwalda, geology professor at California Institute of Technology declared that there was no immediate danger of a catastrophic avalanche. Small slides, as the mountain breaks into bits, will more probably be what happens, he declared.

7 More Win Prizes in Daily Name Contest

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A NEW PAPER with a new name, destined from its very birth to be an increasingly important factor in the history of the West, will be born with the New Year.

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The name expresses a broad present-day reality.

Somewhere Karl Marx, father of scientific socialism, said that in order to transform the world we must better understand it. How implicit that is in the name, symbolizing as it does a medium for a better understanding of the world and a token of the transformation that is to come.

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Life-Time Sub and 6 One-Year Subs Given Away

With PEOPLE'S WORLD as first choice, and five contestants splitting the first prize money of $50 in the "Name the Daily Western" contest, seven other entries qualified for prizes which included one life-time subscription to the People's World, and several yearly subscriptions.

Winner of the second prize, a life-time sub, was Jack Moore of Los Angeles, with the name PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE. Moore captured the runner-up prize not only on the basis of the name but chiefly on the basis of his explanatory letter. It reads:

"In What Is to Be Done, Lenin gives his conception of what a real Communist should be like. Here is the passage:

"'The Social-Democrat's ideal should not be a trade-union secretary, but **a tribune of the people**, able to react to every manifestation of tyranny and oppression, no matter where it takes place, no matter what stratum or class of the people it affects; he must be able to group all these manifestations into a single picture of police violence and capitalist exploitation; he must be able to take advantage of every petty event in order to explain his Socialistic convictions and his Social-Democratic demands to all, in order to explain to all and every one the world historical significance of the struggle for the emancipation of the proletariat.'

"With this concept of Lenin's in mind, I wish to make as my proposal for the new name of the daily Western Worker, the name, the PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE."

4 Tied for Third Prize

Tied for third prize and all suggesting the name, PEOPLE'S VOICE, were Inez C. Decker of Los Angeles, James Boer of Pittsburg, Calif., Oscar Appel of Sierra Madre, and George Reyes of Wilmington, Calif. All four will receive yearly subscriptions to the People's World. Best letter in this group was submitted by Inez Decker, which read:

"My first choice for a name for the new paper is: The People's Voice, for the following reasons:

"Albert Parsons, one of labor's greatest martyrs, just before the noose tightened about his neck, exclaimed: 'Let the voice of the people be heard!' Since that utterance, although I did not hear it, I have been haunted by its implication. Most imperative in this hour of crisis, in America and throughout the world, is that the people's voice should be heard in every council called to discuss or deliberate affairs vital to the people's interests and the people's needs.

"Outside of the Communist press, we have no news medium in which and through which the people may voice their views. The establishment of such a medium, I take it, is the purpose of the new daily paper proposed to be issued from San Francisco. The People's Voice will fill that need."

Fourth Prize

Fourth prize was won by Mrs. George Reyes of Wilmington, Calif., who suggested The Western Star, and wrote:

"I would name the Western Worker, the Western Star, because just like sailors lost in the troubled seas, look for the north star for guidance, so do we, the workers of the west, look for guidance in the Western Worker. That is why I think the Western Star would be a good name for the Western Worker."

Fifth prize was taken by M. Jackson of San Francisco with the selection "People's Leader."

Other contest letters will be published in subsequent issues of the Western Worker.

'Regulations' Would Curb S. D. Picketing

Communist Party and Unions Demand Rejection of New Ordinance

SAN DIEGO—Take it from the employers themselves: they don't want to prevent picketing in San Diego. All they want to do is "regulate" it.

In defense of this fundamental right of labor, spokesmen of the AFL, CIO and Communist Party appeared before the city council last week, denouncing the following "regulations" proposed by employers groups through Hugh A. Sanders and G. A. Scott, both of whom represented organized employers:

1. Picketing to be allowed only by police permits.

2. Every individual picketer to apply in person to police for permission, giving application in writing, giving his name, address, place to be picketed and nature of the dispute.

"Moral Character"

3. Every picketer to produce "certificate of good moral character."

4. Every picketer to be required to show formal permit to anyone desiring to see it.

5. That every picketer be an American citizen residing at least 60 days in the city.

6. That only those who worked 60 days in a given establishment be given permission to picket it.

7. That no banners be displayed—only arm bands.

8. That no picketing be allowed at any place not directly affected by the dispute.

Blacklisting Made Simple

One speaker even demanded finger-printing of all picketers before permits are issued.

Pointing out that these regulations are not only calculated to stop picketing altogether, but to help the employers system of blacklisting, O. C. Heitman, representative of the Federated Trades and Labor Council, said that present laws are enough to prevent any of the wild charges that were flung against labor by the employers' spokesmen. "Labor can't block sidewalks, use force, intimidation or coercion. You have a definite anti-picketing ordinance on the books now."

William Coffee, labor spokesman against the new ordinance, declared that employers are "all in favor of labor unions of there is no scale, no working conditions and d..... few new members."

Despite present rules regulating picketing, said CIO Representative Morrie Smollin, "we seem to have a group that wants to throttle labor from carrying on its legal rights. The federal government has made provision for labor to protect itself. For a group to come in and ask that more stringent laws be passed is to throttle these rights. We protest vigorously."

"It is no longer necessary to guess who has been responsible for the violence and bloodshed in labor disputes," declared E. L. Richardson, county organizer of the Communist Party. Richardson outlined the wholesale evidence brought out by the La-Follette Senate Civil Liberties Committee.

He advised the council to secure a copy of the committee's proceedings, showing that employers are spending huge slush funds sending agents into unions to commit acts of violence and sabotage to be used against strikers.

TYPOS URGE UNITY

SAN FRANCISCO — Typographical Local 21, AFL, has adopted a resolution urging that the CIO-AFL conference in Washington, D. C., achieve unity.

BANKER FACES FRAUD CHARGE

Brief Hints Fleishhacker Stole Oil Lands

LOS ANGELES — Foxy Herbert Fleishhacker, financial manipulator, and the Anglo London-Paris Bank were left alone to face charges of fraud in a $1,250,000 suit here this week when Federal Judge George Cosgrave eliminated five other defendants.

Charging they had been rooked of valuable oil lands by Fleishhacker, aproximately twenty-five heirs of the Lazard and Cahn families of Paris, France, seek to obtain damages and title to the lands, which are situated in Kern County.

Neylan Surprised

The five dismissals, ruled Judge Cosgrave, were justified on the basis of expiration of the time limit in the statute of limitations.

Harold Morton, attorney for the plaintiffs, blasted observations that perhaps Fleishhacker might also be dismissed. "Scarcely a chance," he said.

Seemingly, Fleishhacker and his counsel, John Francis Neylan, well-known Hearst legal expert, were flabbergasted at the unexpected ruling so early in what was slated to be a weeks' long trial.

False Representations

The case, brought to the attention of the public for the first time by the Western Worker, revolves around claims that Fleishhacker and his agents secured the lands, in the heart of a rich oil district, for companies in which they were interested by misrepresenting their potential value.

Negotiations began in 1910 and were consumated in 1915; suits, however, were not filed until after 1930, when other aberrations of Fleishhacker caused the Lazard and Cahn heirs to conduct an investigation into the value of their former holdings.

Shady Maneuvering

Testimony revealed that the Fleishhacker group maneuvered the Lazards and Cahns into selling their property for a pittance at a time when the land had already been developed into an oil field.

Those eliminated as defendants by Judge Cosgrave's ruling were the Security Oil Company, the California Star Oil Company, T. A. O'Connell, E. S. Armstrong, and Hugh Stewart, oil men.

GIVE CHARTER SUBS THIS XMAS!

Ten Local Unions Affiliate to L. A. LNPL At Meeting

LOS ANGELES — That progressive rank and file trade unionists are behind the formation of Labor's Non-Partisan League was apparent here last Tuesday night when the first meeting of the League's County Council saw affiliation of over 10 local unions.

Four Painters' union locals, 2 Carpenters' union locals, several locals of the United Automobile Workers' Union, and the Los Angeles Newspaper Guild sent official delegates to the meeting, Joseph Aidlin, member of the local League Executive Committee said.

All of the unions have signified intention of sending delegates to the Labor's Non-Partisan League State Convention to be held in San Francisco, December 11 and 12.

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EXPERT SEES HOPE FOR SPAIN IN NEW SET-UP

Loyalist Position Is More Solid Than Year Ago, Says Strategist

By A. GOLUBYEV
(Special to the Western Worker)

MOSCOW, Nov. 16 — In early November the Spanish Republic marked the first anniversary of the heroic defense of its capital—Madrid.

To this day not a single other city in Spain has played a role as great as Madrid's in the war of the Spanish people for liberation from the fascist barbarians.

From the very first days of struggle this glorious city has been the object of all the innermost aspirations of the fascist rebels.

In the days when the machine of government had been disorganized by the rebellion and the Republican Government was practically without armed forces, Madrid became the main base and the organizing force of the Spanish people in their battle against the rebels and interventionists.

Caballero's Mistakes

The government of the Spanish Republic at the time of the outbreak of the rebellion did not immediately realize the extent of the war then beginning, nor what a powerful force was represented by the people.

The situation changed but slightly even when the Largo Caballero Government came to power.

Assuming the posts of Premier and War Minister, Caballero took measures neither to reorganize the detachments of popular militia into a regular army nor to purge the military apparatus of the some pro-fascist, some plainly inefficient generals and officers—measures without which victory was impossible.

No systems of fortifications were built sufficient to check the enemy advance and prevent them from driving up to the capital's gates.

What was done was done extremely hurriedly, and often the fascists knew of the work under construction before it was finished.

The Foe Concentrates

But these shortcomings did not break the resistance of the masses of the people of Madrid. The capital opened battle with the main fascist forces. The enemy had concentrated his full striking power for the attack on Madrid. They halted operations on other fronts and pitted their full strength against the capital of the Republic.

The critical days in the defense of Madrid were Nov. 6, 7, and 8, when the attacking Moroccan troops and Foreign Legionnaires of General Franco spearheaded an attack into the suburbs of the city.

The calculations of the fascists were defeated by the staunch heroism of the defenders of Madrid. The crisis ended in favor of the Government troops. The defenders of Madrid became confident of their strength.

Madrid did not merely hold on during the first onslaughts. Under the leadership of the Madrid Defense Junta, headed by General Jose Miaja, it began a hurried reorganization of the popular militia detachments into regular troops.

Role of Communists

The spade work for the successful defense of Madrid and for the establishment of its front of the first detachments of the Spanish Republican regular People's Army was carried out by the Spanish Communist Partv.

In the battle for Madrid the Spanish Communists proved themselves to be a force which really organized and inspired the masses of the Spanish people to the struggle against fascism.

During the coming weeks an offensive by the rebels and interventionists against the main Republican fronts is to be expected. The early future will show where this offensive will start and what direction its main blow will be in—whether they will try again to take Madrid or attempt an offensive against Catalonia or resume activity on the Southern front.

Wherever the next attack will be directed by the fascist high command, Madrid will play an exceptionally important role in the new phase of war.

Position More Solid

Once again it will have to assume the task of crushing the fascists if they make their main drive against Madrid or within reach of the central front.

It will have to give direct aid to the other fronts if the fascists strike heavily there. The present situation in Republican Spain now raises in its full magnitude the question of not only organizing mutual assistance between various sectors of the same front, but of continuous mutual aid between the various fronts.

In the Spring and Summer of 1937 the fascists were able to make important gains in the North (Biscay), but the general position of Republican Spain is much more solid than a year ago when the fascists had driven their front up to the very walls of Madrid.

SOVIET ELECTIONS

MOSCOW—1912 — In this year, although the population of Moscow amounted to over 1,600,000 people, Tsarist law allowed only 9,387 people the right to participate in the elections to the Moscow city Duma (Council).

And in the practical working out of the electoral law of the time, only 4,550 people could vote. Thus for every franchised elector in Moscow there were 350 adult persons without a vote.

MOSCOW— 1937—By this year the population of the capital city has attained the four million mark. Of these, Soviet electoral law gives the vote to 3,000,000: every Soviet citizen who has reached the age of eighteen years.

Also each of these citizens has the right to be elected to the Moscow Soviet (city council).

Hitler Taxes, Prices Rob Germans of Food

Observer Tells Why Nazis Banned Elections In Shop Councils

By GENE REDNIL

A traveler in Germany will note the crowded beer gardens and cafes, the throngs in the streets, apparently pleasure-bent. In the Ruhr and Rhineland districts, he will see smoke belching from the stacks of munition factories, which operate 24 hours a day, and he will note feverish activity in the metal industry. If he fails to see or hear anything beyond these surface indications, he is apt to come away from Naziland with the impression that everything is normal.

(Editor's Note: This is the second of a series of three articles by Gene Rednil, traveling campanion of Leo Gallagher on his latest trip abroad, where they made an extensive tour of Europe and the Soviet Union. German is the author's mother tongue and he has spent a considerable part of his life in central Europe. During the past sixteen years, Rednil visited Germany three times).

Another traveler, in Germany however, with more analysis and observation may see an entirely different picture.

For example, one can observe posters urging the population to conserve food by appealing to save slices of bread; to observe a one-dish Sunday. And in addition there is the Fueher's clarion call, "Give me four years more."

In the meanwhile, the inquiring traveler can learn from the housewives that there is a shortage of eggs, butter fats, veal, beef, cream and pork, food of which Germans are traditionally fond.

Made From Refuse

From the radio he will hear the admonition to save all refuse and everywhere the word "Ersatz" strikes the ear. Ersatz is a collective term for substitutes, such as "woolen" jackets from cellulose, and gasoline from coal tar. Examination of clothing stocks finds the material shoddy and the price high.

Until this is supplemented by some information of the wage scale, much of the picture is missing.

The most highly-skilled worker in Naziland receives only 38 marks a week. In terms of American money, this is $15. From this wage the following deductions are made: Income tax, 2 marks and 52 pfennings; old age insurance, 1 mark and 20 pfennings; unemployment insurance, 1 mark and 40 pfennings; health insurance, 1 mark and 40 pfennings; citizens tax, 1 mark and 25 pfennings; Labor Front dues, 2 marks and 20 pfennings —a total of 9 marks and 97 pfennings.

Wages Minus "Musts"

While the German worker is asked to forego nourishment on the one hand, and while he is relieved of more than 25 per cent of his pay for a miscellany of "musts" in the Nazi agenda, on the other; he is "pressured" to strain his patriotism just another notch or two for "Winterhilfe" (Winter Relief).

Wage figures already mentioned are certainly low enough, and after numerous deductions, the real wages are evidently at starvation level even for the highly-skilled group. But when it is known that the average unskilled worker is paid 25 marks a week minus the regular deductions, it is not hard to understand just what the German working population is up against under the Hitler regime.

Comparison of wages and prices with conditions existing before the Nazis seized power brings one to the conclusion that the German standard of living has been greatly reduced since the "Little Austrian" elected to look after the country.

The Nazi press bleats loud and often about the absorption of the unemployed, but investigation reveals the startling fact that many thousands of the unemployed are in the ranks of the S. S. (Schutz Staffel)—guard of the regime; the S. A. (Sturn Abteiling)—which assists cripples to voting places, collects sugar, flour, potatoes and funds for winter relief.

Great numbers of the unemployed were swallowed into the various military and naval establishments, into labor battalions, which build mainly military roads. Hundreds of thousands replace women in industry. A large number are in prisons and concentration camps. There is a vast number holding public office. Many are in the large army of Nazi party functionaries, secret police and semi-public officials. There are also the expatriated Jews to account for and the uncounted numbers of German youth who have left Germany's border for Switzerland, France, England, Palestine and South America.

Why No Elections

Exodus of Jews is largely the result of Nazi hatred which excludes them from participation in government employment or relief.

Many of these suffer privation and hunger and are entirely dependent upon donations from relatives and friends in America and Great Britain.

If one has the temerity, (I took this risk) to ask why elections have not been held in Shop Councils since 1935, he will learn that the Nazis fear the results would be unfavorable to them, because they are well aware that there exists a bitter discontent among German workers against those in power.

(To Be Continued)

Nazis Pass New Anti-Jew Laws

BERLIN — Anti-semitic measures, hitherto issued by local authorities, are to be given a nation-wide legal status in a new series of decrees drafted by the ministry of the interior.

One decree will make it legal everywhere in the Reich for hotels, apartment houses, rooming houses ,etc., to refuse to accept Jewish tenants. Another will forbid state and municipal hospitals and clinics to treat Jews in all towns and cities where there are Jewish hospitals or clinics.

One of the most important of the new decrees will for the first time legalize the anti-Jewish boycott by encouraging all shopkeepers to refuse to sell to Jews.

PROFITS IN FASCISM

BERLIN—At the beginning of Hitler's regime, Germany had 2,234 persons who possessed over a million marks, but in 1936 the number of such had grown to 3,500. The total wealth controlled by these men is estimated at at over eight billion marks.

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CUBAN FRONT GROWS AGAINST DICTATORSHIP

Batista Plans to Outlaw All Labor Activities in Fascist Coup

HAVANA — Colonel Fulgencio Batista, Cuban army chief, who is working against time to set up an outright fascist state in this island republic off the coast of Florida, moved today to compel Cuban labor to back his Nazi-like "three-year plan" at the point of bayonets.

A powerful popular movement to unseat Batista has crystallized during the last few weeks, uniting all the democratic and revolutionary groupings, and has already met with a new wave of terror by the Batista police.

Army detachments are being sent by Batista into factories and offices to "appeal" to the workers and their organizations to rally support for the "labor congress" called by Batista and his servile Labor Department for Saturday.

Nazi Model

If the bona-fide labor groups do not "spontaneously" back his plan for a totalitarian organization of the economy of the nation on the Nazi model, Batista threatens to outlaw all labor organizations not created by himself.

Thus the still existing trade unions and all other labor organizations, including the key factory committees, would be crushed by the Army and the terrorist political police.

Batista's move is designed to avert a congress of the genuine labor movement of Cuba, which had been planned for late December or early next year.

Meetings Forbidden

This congress, which would be an important step in the uniting of the Cuban workers, was called by the Trade Union Unity Committee which arose from the May First Committee set up by all Cuban labor organizations early this year.

Batista has already forbidden meetings of the Unity Committee and has threatened to dissolve this only representative organization of Cuban labor if it does not bow to his wishes.

The Committee has appealed to the American labor movement to assist in stemming the fascist tide by rushing cablegrams of protest to President Laredo Bru and Batista, before Cuba falls into line with the fascist war bloc as Brazil has already done.

Mexican Fascists Get German Arms

Police Suspected of Subversive Acts

MEXICO CITY — Nazi ships are supplying arms to Mexican fascists through Guatemala ports, the Communist Party of Mexico has learned from Indian peons living near the Guatemalan border in the state of Ciapas.

The peons disclosed that German ships have discharged large quantities of arms and ammunition at ports in Guatemala, whose government is close to the Nazis. Early this month, one German freighter unloaded 600 machine guns in Guatemala, the report says.

At the same time the Mexican Federal Police is being subjected to a careful investigation for connections with fascist organizations, it was announced by the Ministry of Press and Propaganda.

Following an order of President Cardenas, the Attorney General subpoenaed 29 police officials for questioning.

MORE MOVIES IN USSR

KAZAKHSTAN, USSR — In 1920 there were only fifteen moving picture theatres in the whole of Kazakhstan district. This year there are 271 cinemas in the towns and 539 in the villages of Kazakhstan.

Starving Refugees Search for Food in Shanghai

DRIVEN FROM their homes by the invading Japanese armies, Chinese scour the vegetable market in a corner of the International Settlement within the shadows of the barricades.

World Front

Anglo-U. S. Trade Pact Seen As Opening Wedge Against Tory Policies

By HARRY GANNES

One of the crassest and yet most instructive illustrations of the duplicity of British foreign policy is the simultaneous encroachment of Hitler (through the Lord Halifax trip) and the significant announcement of agreement in principle on the issue of an Anglo-U. S. reciprocal trade pact.

Heretofore the British Tories never allowed one step to be made toward international collaboration for peace without making two steps backward in the direction of stimulating Fascist war ambitions.

Step Forward

By means of definite economic understanding between the two countries it is now possible for the British people to push their government two steps ahead to the goal of world collaboration for peace even if Chamberlain does march in time with the Nazis along the general path of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis.

More reluctantly Premier Neville Chamberlain declared his "Happy" state over the agreement in policy to conclude a trade pact with the United States. From the very inception of Secretary of State Hull's feelers in London looking toward the consummation of such a pact Chamberlain has turned thumbs down. He was dead set against any collaboration with the United States, economic or on the world political field.

And yet there is no doubt that the pressure of the British masses, and a certain section of the British imperialist bourgeoisie (those who fear for their Near and Far Eastern investments) broke the back of resistance to the trade pact with the U. S.

Potential Value Great

Negotiations had been going on for more than a year with the gloomiest prospects. The two leading imperialist competitors could not agree to mutual trade treaties. It was a question of economic horse-trading, and the British had most to lose.

Political factors, however, changed the whole approach. And, in that regard, every future development concerning the Anglo-U.S. trade agreement will have far greater political than economic consequences. Here lies its potential value. It is an opening wedge against Tory resistance and in the U. S. against pro-Fascist attempts to reject all efforts at international collaboration.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town, Shop or Neighborhood!

1000 Loyalist Pilots In Aerial Combats

HENDAYE. Franco-Spanish Frontier—Air battles and bombing forays are being carried out by Loyalist and fascist aviation on four sectors of the Aragon front, at Saragossa, Lecinosa, Lerida and Montalban.

A Loyalist spokesman said that their forces consisted mainly of 1,000 Spanish pilots and observers flying Spanish-made planes. A demobilization of all foreigners in the government air force is under way and soon all Loyalist planes will be operated by the 1,300 Spaniards schooled in Spain and France during the past year.

Another 500 pilots who are being trained at aviation schools in Spain will form a first line reserve force, the spokesman said.

Swedish Gobs Call For Aid to Spain

STOCKHOLM — Eighty-eight Swedish gobs aboard the cruiser Victoria startled the political world here recently when they publicly called upon their government to aid the Spanish people with arms and munitions.

The sailors signed a petition urging the government to re-establish the legal right of the Spanish Government to purchase war materials in Sweden, which is a major arms-producing country.

This demand has been seconded by numerous labor and progressive organizations throughout the country.

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War Nears As Polish Nazis Prepare Coup

Conflict Believed Certain When Reactionaries Strike At Democratic Groups

PARIS—Behind the report that Yvon Delbos, French Foreign Minister, is to visit Warsaw, lies the anxiety in French circles that civil war may break out in Poland at any moment.

Against a background of soaring peasant unrest—which actually broke out into open struggle in the great peasant strike earlier this year—the forces of democracy, identical with those who oppose the pro-German orientation in Polish foreign policy, are moving forward.

People's Unity Grows

The appeals of the former Prime Ministers, Paderewski and Vitos, have spurred on the growth of the democratic opposition to the bankrupt fascist Sanacja clique, headed by Marshal Smigly-Rydz. Recently the Christian Democratic and National Labor Parties have merged into a united party, basic principle of which is the struggle for democracy and a foreign policy on the side of the democratic States.

At the same time the Polish Trades Union Congress has declared for League aid for Spain and for Poland joining the peace front.

As a result of this democratic advance, side by side with the failure of the reactionaries to form a Party of "National Unification," the ruling Sanacja has split into sharply conflicting groups.

Will Oppose Coup

At the head of the two most important groups, stand the President of the Republic, Moscicki, backed by more progressive government circles, and implacably opposed to him, Marshal Smigly-Rydz, determined at all costs to establish a completely totalitarian State.

Competent observers draw the conclusion from this situation that Smigly-Rydz and his set can only push through their plans for complete fascistization of Poland by a coup of the most ruthless and brutal character, and that any attempt at such a coup could only result in a "civil war in the Spanish fashion."

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HITLER ENVOY WILL TALK TO TORY SENATOR

Seeks Support of U. S. Reactionaries Says Paris Writer

PARIS — Captain Fritz Weidemann, Hitler's personal adjutant, who is scheduled to arrive in the United States at the first of this week, will seek the support of leading American reactionary circles for his master.

Genevieve Tabouis, diplomatic commentator in Paris, whose information is credited as coming from official sources, published the fact that Nazi agent Wiedemann has been especially invited to consult with Republican Senator Vandenburg of Michigan.

Germany is seeking assurances from the United States and Great Britain in order to "leave her hands free in the East, particularly concerning expansion in Central Europe toward Russia," Mme. Tabouis writes.

"The aim of the mission (Weidemann's) is to try to convince the American pepole that Germany wants peace but desires facilities in Central Europe. It also wants to show that Germany's great aim is opposition to Communism throughout the world. This mission will enter into close relations with Senator Vandenberg, whose political program for the coming elections consists of becoming the champion of anti-Communism in America.

"A second German mission, this one economic and headed by Finance Minister Schacht, will go to the United States soon with a parallel aim."

Capt. Wiedemann sailed Thursday on the Europa.

Rank and File Teamsters Issue New Bulletin

OAKLAND — A new printed rank and file weekly for Northern California teamsters will appear this week, it was announced here. The new paper, published in San Francisco, is sponsored by a joint rank and file committee representing principal Northern California Teamster locals.

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A Simple Story With A Simple Moral

IN SAN DIEGO an anti-picketing ordinance is before the City Council. All of organized labor is opposed to it.

In scores of cities throughout California such statutes are already on the books. In each of these cities, organized labor is opposed to them.

In San Francisco not only was such a statute wiped off the books, but when an effort was made by big business to bring it back, that effort was rebuffed successfully.

These are simple facts and the story they tell is equally simple. In San Francisco, anti-picketing was defeated through the united political efforts of both American Federation of Labor unions and Committee for Industrial Organization unions. What San Francisco labor did, labor in every other city can do IF it applies the same general principle of UNITED political action.

That principle, if applied, can do more than just abolish anti-picketing ordinances. It can abolish anti-labor injunctions and all restrictions upon the rights of labor to organize.

It is a principle which no one who professes to be for labor can successfully challenge. It is time that principle was applied.

A practical application of it is the forthcoming state convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League on Dec. 11-12. Through the instrumentality of Labor's Non-Partisan League, labor can pursue UNITED political action to successfully defend its rights and advance its interests.

Where Smoke Belches Something Must Be Burning

VEHEMENCE is no token of intelligence. Nor is verbal frothing at the mouth a substitute for logic. A wild and hysterical outburst is no defense against accusations. An average jury usually regards them as tantamount to admissions of guilt.

Had Mrs. Charlotta Bass, publisher of the California Eagle, a Los Angeles weekly, pondered over these simple truths, it is not likely that she would have published the "unsolicited editorial" by a "Mrs. Beatrice Henry" on the front page of her Nov. 24 edition.

It seems that Mrs. Bass was stung by current stories in the Western Worker exposing the Sweetnam vice racket in the Negro neighborhood of Los Angeles, and exposing the connections of Mrs. Bass with the political clique that makes the vice racket possible.

So what does Mrs. Bass's "Mrs. Henry" reply? She shouts that Communist leaders are "misfits, subnormals, perverts, and sufferers from glandular disorders."

And if this isn't a convincing enough refutation of the charges that Mrs. Bass is allied with the Fitts-Shaw machine, "Mrs. Henry" also said:

". . . these same folks are sad and disappointed over the fact that the laborer and the working man is the one controlling the Eastside. They resent the fact that their college bred brains aren't appreciated, consequently they stand in their miserable little groups and fume over their lot."

It is evident that someone IS FUMING, and you couldn't call Mrs. Bass a Communist leader by the wildest stretch of the imagination.

No, Mrs. Bass will have to do better than that. For example, she could undertake a crusade to smash the vice-political racket in the Eastside which extracts such a heavy toll from the Negro people who are forced to play the game of life with the cards stacked against them. If she did that, it would be a token of good faith.

Until she does that, the honest and progressive elements in the Negro community will have to brush her aside in their fight to rid themselves of the Sweetnam-Fitts leeches.

"Tried and Trusted" — By Whom?

A COMMITTEE working in preparation for the Seamen's national unity convention in January, started sessions here last week with representatives of every bona fide seamen's organization in the country, save one—the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

Invitations to participate in the planning committee were rejected one after another by the SUP officials. Why? Hasn't SUP Secretary Harry Lundeberg repeatedly stated he was for national unity? Didn't the sailors vote overwhelmingly for affiliation to the Committee for Industrial Organization, which called the national unity convention?

But the Sailors' CIO ballots were burned by a handful of shore-side seamen and officials, and Lundeberg has now discovered a special brand of "unity," known as remaining "independent." Hence the rejection of invitations to participate in the unity planning committee.

Lundeberg apparently has his mind fully made up that the sailors are not going to vote CIO in the three-way ballot referendum, if he can prevent it, and to that end has had a pamphlet touting "independent" status to the skies, printed at the union's expense. This ardent "independent," whose tactics more and more remind one of those of a "rugged individualist," doesn't trust the rank and file of the SUP to make up their own minds.

And while pretending to be "independent," Lundeberg is actually playing the game of the AFL executive council, the Greens, the Wolls, the Scharrenbergs, the Joe Ryans; is trying to lead the SUP back into their tender clutches via the back door. No wonder the Vandeleur-Buzzell organ, the Long Beach Labor News (AFL), refers to Lundeberg as "tried and trusted!"

SUP rank-and-filers will have to be alert now as never before, to defeat the plans of the AFL clique and their allies, the "independents." If they wish national unity, if they wish a National Maritime Federation, to defend their interests against the shipowners, they must act now by insisting their union participate in the January 17 unity convention and by voting for CIO affiliation in the three-way referendum.

A Birthday Gift For Tom Mooney

WOULD you like to give a birthday gift to Tom Mooney? His birthday falls on Dec. 8 and one thing you can do for him is attend the mass meeting on his behalf in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, on Dec. 5.

If you live in the southern end of the State, you can do as well by attending the meeting at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Auditorium on Dec. 17.

These meetings are no ordinary affairs for two immediate reasons:

1. Attorneys are now pressing a petition for a Supreme Court hearing.

2. On Dec. 12, a Senate Committee will begin public hearings on the Mooney case.

That these action be most effective, your support is needed. The simplest way to give it NOW is by making these two meetings the largest and most enthusiastic held in the 21-year fight for justice and Mooney's freedom.

Train Wreck Fatal To Young Communist

LOS ANGELES — "Holding down a freight" because the society in which he lived couldn't afford him enough money to buy a ticket, 17 year old Joe Conver, member of the Young Communist League, here, died in a train wreck near Fresno last Wednesday as he was on his way to attend the YCL State Training School in Berkeley.

Searing acid sludge, pouring from the burst tankers that sprawled along the tracks following derailment of the Southern Pacific train, ended Conver's life.

Active in League

For 2 years a member of the YCL, young Conver had played an active role in the League and was instrumental in organizing the United Youth Club, a League affiliate. At the time of his death, he was president of the club.

Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Conver, the youth left a brother, Bill Conver, also a member of the YCL.

"Another murder marked up against this system," the elder Conver termed the death of his son.

"If he'd had a job, he wouldn't have been killed. If he'd had some money, he wouldn't have had to hop a freight—he would have bought a ticket."

Message to Communists

During the week of Dec. 5-12 the Party in California will carry through a state-wide registration of all Communists who have 1937 Party books.

Only those who will exchange their 1937 books for 1938 books will be considered members in good standing. All Communists should attend without fail their unit meetings during the Registration week, bringing their Party books, and receiving their 1938 books.

All members who have become disconnected from the Party units due to distance, change of address or location, should contact personally or by mail, their nearest County Headquarters or the office of the State Committee — 121 Haight street, S. F.

New books will be given to the comrades personally or mailed to their present address.

Young Communists Hail People's World

Endorsement of the People's World was unanimously voted by the first meeting of the newly elected State Committee of the Young Communist League on Sunday, November 28.

The statement by the committee declared, "We, the Young Communist League, pioneers in opening New Frontiers, need weapons in our battle against the economic royalists who block the way to New Frontiers, just as surely as the '49'ers needed rifles and mules in bucking the mountains and plains blocking off California.

"There can be no more effective weapon in this fight for New Frontiers than a people's daily newspaper. We heartily endorse the People's World.

"We urge our county councils, branches and affiliated clubs to endorse the paper. We urge every YCL member to become a charter subscriber to the World during the sub drive between December and March."

Brazilian Calls Vargas a Traitor

PARIS—The setting up of a full-fledged fascist state in Brazil "is a danger to all democracies particularly in all the Americas," Dr. Elyezer Magalhaes, brother of the Governor of the Brazilian province of Bahia, declared at a press conference here.

AN AMERICAN WRITER SEES THE BIGGEST FIGHT OF OUR TIME

By DOROTHY PARKER

I WANT to say first that I came to Spain without my axe to grind. I didn't bring messages from anybody, nor greetings to anybody. I am not a member of any political party. The only group I have ever been affiliated with is that not especially brave little band that hid its nakedness of heart and mind under the out of date garment of a sense of humour.

I heard someone say, and so I said it too, that ridicule is the most effective weapon. I don't suppose I ever really believed it, but it was easy and comforting, and so I said it. Well, now I know. I know that there are things that never have been funny, and never will be. And I know that ridicule may be a shield, but it is not a weapon.

The Invasion

I am puzzled, as you may have been, about Spain. I read in our larger newspapers that here was a civil war, with the opposing factions neatly divided into reds and whites—rather as if they were chessmen. Even I could figure out that there is something not quite right when Moors are employed to defend Christianity. Since I have been here, I have heard what the people in the streets say. Not many of them call it the "war." They speak of it as the "invasion." Theirs is the better word.

There cannot be, in all the world, any place like the city of Madrid today. It has been under siege for nearly a year. You read about besieged cities in medieval days and you say, how awful things must have been, thank goodness they don't happen now. It has happened in Madrid and it goes on happening. In a city as big and as beautiful and as modern as Washington, D. C.

The dispatches say that there is not much doing on the Madrid front now—there is very little activity. It is what is called a lull. But all day long you hear the guns, the dull boom of the big guns and the irritable cackle of machine-guns. And you know that gunners no longer need to shoot just for practice. When there is firing, that means there is blood and blindness and death.

And the streets are crowded, and the shops are open, and the people go about their daily living. It isn't tense and it isn't hysterical. What they have is not morale, which is something created and bolstered and directed. It is the sure steady spirit of those who know what the fight is about and who know that they must win.

Food and Learning

THERE are fifty thousand babies still here. All food is scarce, and dairy products are almost memories. But the Republican Government, all over the city, has stations where a mother may get milk and eggs and cereals for her baby, regularly without delay. If she has any money, she may buy them at cost. If she hasn't any, she is given them. Doctors say that the little children of Madrid are better nourished than they ever were in the old days.

Six years ago, when the royal romp, Alphonso, left his racing cars and his racing stables and also left, by popular request, his country, there remained twenty-eight million people. Of them, twelve million were completely illiterate. It is said that Alphonso himself had been taught to read and write, but he had not troubled to bend the accomplishments to the reading of statistics nor the signing of appropriations for schools.

Six years ago, almost half the population of this country was illiterate. The first thing that the Republican Government did was to recognise this hunger, the starvation of the people for education. Now there are schools even in the tiniest, poorest villages; more schools in a year than ever were in all the years of the reigning kings. And still more are being established every day.

I have seen a city bombed by night, and the next morning the people rose and went on with the completion of their schools. Here in Madrid, as well as in Valencia, a workers' Institute is open. It is a college, but not a college where rich young men may go to make friends with other rich young men who may be valuable to them in business with them later. It is a college where workers forced to start as children in fields and factories, may study to be teachers or doctors or lawyers or scientists, according to their gifts. Their intensive university course takes two years. And while they are studying, the Government pays their families the money they would have been earning.

In the schools for young children, there is none of the dread thing you have heard so much about — depersonalisation. Each child has, at the Government's expense, an education as modern and personal as a privileged American school child has at an accredited progressive school. What the Spanish Republican Government has done for education would be magnificent achievement, even in days of peace, when money is easy and supplies are endless. But these people are doing it under fire . . .

Children's Colonies

The Government takes care, too, of the unfortunates of war. There are a million refugee children in Spain. A million is an easy number to say. But how can you grasp what it means? Three hundred thousand of them are in the homes of families and seven hundred thousand are in children's colonies. When it can, the Government wants to have all in colonies. I hope that will happen, because I have seen some of the colonies. There is no dreadful orphan asylum quality about them. I never saw finer children—free and growing and happy.

One colony was in a seaside resort, near Valencia. There were sixty children, from four to fourteen, who had been going to a school in Madrid. And the Fascist planes had bombed the school . . .

And in Valencia, a few miles away, the Fascist planes come over and the bombs drop, and so there will be more children who will draw planes and flames and fragments of bodies blown in the air. That is if there are any children left . . .

I can't get any pleasing variety into this talk. I can't tell you amusing anecdotes of the boys in the trenches. I don't think there are any such stories. The men who fight for Republican Spain, the men, who in less than a year have come from a mob wearing overalls and carrying sticks to a formidable disciplined army, are no gangling lambs, endearingly bewildered as to what is which front and who is on whose side. These are thinking men, knowing what they do, and what they must go on doing.

The Biggest Fight

They are fighting for more than their lives. They are fighting for the chance to live them, for a chance for their children, for the decency and peace of the future.

THEIR fight is the biggest thing, certainly, that we shall see in our time, but it is not a good show. This is no gay and handsome war, with brass bands and streaming banners. These men do not need such assurances. They are not mad glamorous adventurers, they are not reckless young people, plunged into a chaos. I don't think there will be any lost generation after this war.

But, I, as an onlooker, am bewildered. While I was in Valencia the Fascists raided it four times. If you are going to be in an air raid at all, it is better for you—if it happens at night. Then it is unreal, it is almost beautiful, it is like a ballet with the scurrying figures and the grat white shafts of the searchlights. But when a raid comes in the daytime, then you see the faces of the people, and it isn't unreal any longer. You see the terrible resignation on the faces of old women, and you see little children wild with terror . . .

For Hitler and Il Duce

IN VALENCIA, last Sunday morning, a pretty, bright Sunday morning, five German planes came over and bombed the quarter down by the port. It is a poor quarter, the place where the men who work on the docks live, and it is, like all poor quarters, congested. After the planes had dropped their bombs, there wasn't much left of the places where so many families had been living. There was an old, old man, who went up to every one he saw and asked, please, had they seen his wife, please would they tell him where his wife was. There were two little girls who saw their father killed in front of them, and were trying to get past the guards, back to the still crumbling, crashing houses to find their mother. There was a great pile of rubble, and on the top of it a broken doll and a dead kitten. It was a good job to get those. They were ruthless enemies to Fascism.

I have seen the farms outside of Valencia — the lovely green quiet farms. There is soil so fertile, since the Government has irrigated it, that it yields three harvests a year. So hospitable that oranges and beans and potatoes and corn and pomegranates all grow in one field. I have seen the people in the country and in the cities, wanting only to go about their lives, only to secure the future of their children.

They ask only as much as you have, because they are people like you, they want to get up from their tables and go to their beds, to wake to a quiet morning, and the sending of their children off to school. They don't think of accumulated money. They want to do their own work in self respect and peace. They want the same thing that you have—they want to live in a democracy. And they will fight for it, and they will win.

But in the mean time it makes you sick to think of it. That these people who pulled themselves up from centuries of oppression and exploitation cannot go on to decent living, to peace and progress and civilization, without the murder of their children, and the blocking of their way because two men—two men—want more power. It is incredible, it is fantastic, it is absolutely beyond all belief . . . except that it is true.

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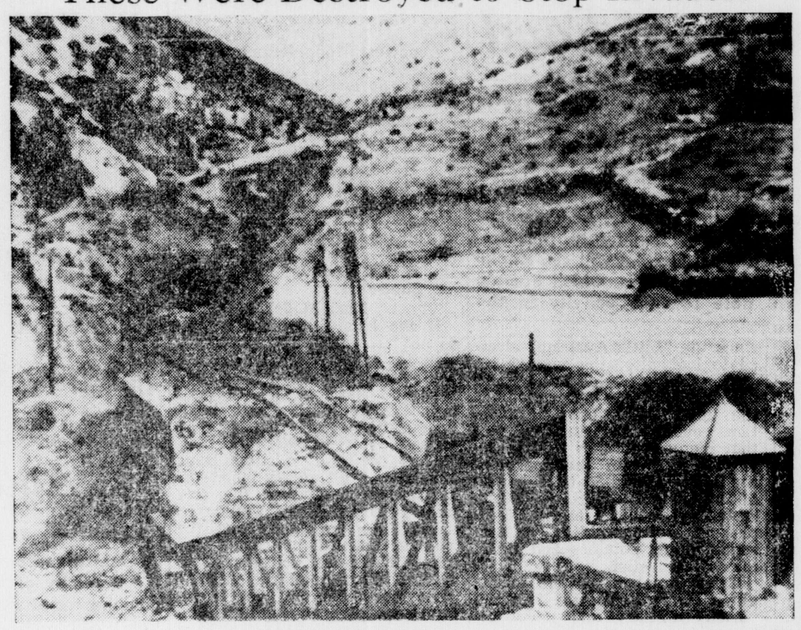
These Were Destroyed to Stop Invaders



A RAILROAD TUNNEL, on the Santander-Gijon line, after being blown up by a trainload of dynamite set off by Asturian miners to halt the fascist advance on Gijon. The bridge in the foreground was also destroyed.

As We See It

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN
Calif. State Secretary, Communist Party

The Daily "People's World"

WHEN THE sixth birthday of the Western Worker is celebrated on January 1st, it will be transferred into the daily "People's World." It has gone a long way from that first mimeographed edition of the Western Worker in 1932. The history of the labor movement on the West Coast could not be written without speaking of the role of the Western Worker.

Appropriately enough, the left-wing Socialist weekly, which was published in Oakland from 1904 to 1919, was called the "World." Thus the traditions of the old Socialist "World" as well as the traditions of the Western Worker will be carried forward in the daily "People's World," which will be a powerful instrument in building a People's Front on the West Coast.

The new Daily will be a worthy colleague of the Daily Worker of New York, and of the new Midwest People's Daily which will soon start publication in Chicago. These three dailies will be the beginning of a powerful chain of daily papers published by the Communist Party to serve the interests of the American people.

No other organization or political group in the country is able at this time to embark on such a great undertaking in the interests of building a great People's Front movement in the U. S. A. The only comparable feat is the great French Communist daily, L'Humanite, which has a circulation of about half a million, and is one of the most influential factors in the People's Front of France.

The Communist Party and the Western Worker, soon to become the daily "People's World," wish to express their thanks and appreciation to every member and friend of the Party, and every reader of the Western Worker, for their splendid work in making this possible. But there is still work to be done to guarantee the publication of the Daily. The financial drive must not be allowed to slow down until the full $35,000 is raised by Jan. 1st. The subscription and circulation drive must get under way at once, from December 1st to March 1st, in order to get a mass circulation, and to make it possible to increase the size of the new Daily in a few months. Starting as a six-page morning paper, with a Saturday magazine supplement, it will be enlarged to eight pages as soon as its circulation warrants.

Forward to a People's World!

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Register 5,000 Communists in Calif.

IN DECEMBER, we in California have set for ourselves the goal of registering 5,000 dues-paying members of the Communist Party. This would show the tremendous growth of the Party, more than double the membership at the last National Convention in 1936. A similar growth can be recorded in the Seattle district of Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

We can only measure our growth and strength by the number of dues-paying members who are registered before the end of the year, which is the only adequate check on their activity and attendance at unit or branch meetings. That is why it is so important that every last member of the Party is registered at his next unit or branch meeting. During the week of December 5th it should be possible to complete this job practically 100 per cent, if every member will cooperate.

With the establishment of the daily "People's World" on Jan. 1st, California can indeed proudly greet the New Year if we can also report to our Central Committee and to the whole Party that we have 5,000 members and that our next goal is 10,000. Only with a strong Party and a Daily with mass circulation, can we really build the labor and progressive movement of the West for the People's Front, the best guarantee for the eventual victory of Socialism.

LETTERS

Veracity Chief Asset

Editor Western Worker

Our suggestions for our paper:

Book reviews to guide workers.

Sports comments and funnies.

Motion picture reviews.

Not to over-color the news; not to distort facts from a wishful point of view.

We offer this slogan as a working basis for labor: "I saw it in the Daily Western Worker; I know it is true."

Comradely,

Menlo Park Unit, R. G., Menlo Park.

How About "Funnies"?

Editor Western Worker:

For the Daily, I would like to see it in tabloid form; to have space for opinion of other editors; open forum; hints to house wives.

Although I never read the "funnies," I notice many other people buy the paper on that account, especially the Sunday edition.

We all wish you success in your undertaking.

Comradely,

S. M., Ocean Park.

Suggest Medical Advisory Board

Editor Western Worker:

The physicians and dentists in the Los Angeles Professional section of the Party wish to form a medical advisory committee to conduct the Western Worker health column.

We would like to involve doctors in other parts of the state. Would you please take this matter up?

Comradely,

M., Physicians' Unit, Los Angeles.

CHANGE THE WORLD
by MIKE GOLD

SOME time ago there was announced the formation of Associated Film Audiences. The object was to mobilize millions of Americans into some sort of consumer-control that would boycott movies of a fascist and anti-labor tendency.

What's become of the organization that had this large and important program? I haven't heard a word since the first announcements, and feel strongly such a project mustn't be allowed to die.

The time is eminently propitious. The liberal tide is running high in America, what with the success of the CIO, and the revelation of labor strength in the recent elections. America's boycott of Hitler has made a dent in that Nazi enunch's bookkeeping. Japan also fears such a boycott against its own war machine. Surely if we can give headaches to these foreign butchers, we ought to be able to send a few salutary shivers down the spines of our own Hollywood dictators.

Some 50 million Americans go to the movies each year. For a majority of them, it is their only contact with any sort of cultural influences. They are deeply affected in their ideas by what they absorb at the little neighborhood house. The movies and radio are rapidly taking the place of the church in America.

Labor cannot afford to neglect this national forum, which fascist-minded millionaires are permitted to control, and where they have a free field for poisoning the minds of the people against every movement that can help the people.

Today labor thinks only in terms of the frontal attack, on the industrial field. This is the main battle, of course, but capitalism works on other fronts, too. It has a broader view of the whole struggle than we have—it keeps a sharp eye on its universities, libraries, movie houses, radio stations, newspapers, books, magazines, and the like.

Movies and radio are the great mass art and culture of America. This has been said a thousand times, but I get the feeling that it still needs to be repeated a thousand times more, until the time when the labor vanguard realizes that here is a nest of Tom Girdlers who work every day in the year, and who undermine like rats the foundations of American democracy.

Wall Street now owns most of Hollywood. Wall Street's foremen in Hollywood, the producers, are men like Louis B. Mayer, most influential big shot in the film world. His is the type of mind that gets out all those films against the Soviet Union and Loyalist Spain.

An example of the Mayer touch was the time when Upton Sinclair ran for governor of California. The movie magnates raised a million-dollar fund to defeat Sinclair. For the first time they used their movie trust openly for political purposes—the veils of "esthetics" and "non-partisanship" were dropped like the clothes of a strip-tease dancer.

They were ready to do the same thing against Roosevelt, but at the last minute lost their nerve. They had a hunch he was going to win, and that would have left them out on a limb.

It's true that some progressive films have been coming out of Hollywood recently. This is because the film-makers are good businessmen. They know that progressivism is in the air, and pays in box office returns. But even these good films are but a drop in the bucket.

If we can get together and agree on what we want in the movies, and then fight for it, the thing can be won. There were no free public schools in America a hundred years ago. The labor unions fought for such schools for their children, and finally won them. Labor can bring democracy into the fascist-film world. It can bring honesty and art and culture, things the Louis B. Mayers have never heard about. The job is a vital one; and we have the power to start the ball rolling.

WORKERS' HEALTH

Oil Workers Face Daily Health Menace

By DR. FRANKLIN E. BISSELL

WORKERS in oil fields, oil refineries, gas stations, garages and all those who work with petroleum and its derivatives, are constantly beset by danger to life and health. Oil contains many ingredients that are injurious to many parts of the body.

Oil field workers in Bakersfield, Long Beach and other places should watch out for signs of skin disease. Oil and grease stop up the glands of the skin and at the same time dissolve away the natural oils, which cause the skin to dry and crack. In this way, these substances can cause itching scabs, pimples and sores to form, sometimes with pus blisters.

Cancer Danger

If this skin disease continues very long, or even without previous disease, cancer often forms. This usually starts with a pimple which grows to the size of a lump and becomes hard and painless. Workers who are especially likely to come down with cancer are those in refineries, and those who work with tar and pitch, such as tarring fish nets, building asphalt pavements, and gas-stoking.

If any of these symptoms appear, the worker should go to a doctor right away for diagnosis and treatment.

Following are measures that must be taken if these diseases are to be prevented. The union should insist that the company concerned carry them out.

Any sort of infection or sore on the skin, however slight, should be treated by a First Aid man or doctor and kept covered until healed. Gloves should be worn wherever at all possible and these should be free from holes and clean and dry inside. Ample washing facilities with hot and cold water, soap, and towels should be furnished, and the worker should wash and dry his hands and arms thoroughly at meal times and after work. All stains should be removed. The workers hands and arms should be inspected frequently by a doctor or nurse.

Gasoline Poisoning

Gasoline poisoning takes place when a worker is exposed to the fumes either in heavy concentration, or in light concentration over a long period. Symptoms are headache, excessive fatigue, dizziness, nausea, loss of appetite, weakness, nervousness, numbness, and tingling of the hands or feet.

Another poison in the oil-refining industry is hydrogen-sulphide gas, which sometimes is quite strong in the stills and pipes of a tar-distilling works. If a large dose is inhaled, the worker may fall dead instantly. Symptoms of chronic poisoning are smarting and redness of the eyes, headache, dizziness, dullness, nausea, loss of appetite, and loss of weight. Acute poisoning should be treated by artificial respiration and administration of oxygen gas.

Prevention of these two last poisonings consists in the regular inspection of all apparatus and stills especially before they are entered to make sure that they are sealed from any source of gas or fumes. They should be thoroughly aired with electric fans before entering. Where this is impossible, the worker should wear an air-helmet; in either event the worker should wear a life-belt, the free end of which is held by two men outside who can draw him out if he appears to be at all affected.

Post this article in your union hall with a note that it is from the Western Worker.

Don't Ignore Half Of Voters, Warn Eastbay Women

OAKLAND—Men in the Communist Party may believe in sex equality, but they need some education to remind them of it.

This conclusion was reached by a conference of Women Party members of the East Bay, who voted to bend their every effort toward pushing legislation to secure housing assistance, establishing maximum hours for women, widening of the social security act nationally to include both domestic and agricultural workers.

The stronger sex, said the conference, even some Communists who should know better, doesn't "seem to realize that we are half of the population and have the vote, and that it will take the fighting support of women to put labor candidates in office and to build a farmer labor party."

How Can 12,000 Calif. Families Live If Tories Close the Sewing Projects?

By BETTY FURUSET

"I DON'T know how I make both ends meet. I live from day to day; if the project should close, I don't know what I'd do. We're desperate."

Mrs. Bessie Smith is just one of 3200 WPA workers employed on the San Francisco sewing project who faces destitution and starvation if the project is closed.

Sitting in his comfortable office in Sacramento, Harold Pomeroy, reactionary state relief administrator, has decreed that unless a sponsor is forthcoming for the project, which employs 12,000 workers, mostly women, in California, it will be closed down.

Existence at Stake

To Mrs. Smith and thousands like her, the end of the project means the end of existence. After that there will be nothing but hopeless starvation.

"Closing of the project will mean countless suicides, starvation, deaths," declared Mrs. Dorothy Murphy, project-worker and head of the women's local of the Workers' Alliance. "This project is all the hope in the world that three-quarters of these women have."

Mrs. Smith's story is typical of that of the other middle-aged women employed by the government in making clothing for the unemployed.

She has lived in San Francisco over thirty years. Her husband has been ill for years.

"He has encephalitis—sleeping sickness," she told me. "He used to be an advertising man, but now he is constantly in bed. The doctors tell me he must have a balanced diet—but how can I get it for him?"

Rising Prices

The Smiths live in a dreary apartment at 1535 Sacramento. "I guess you might call it an apartment," Mrs. Smith said with a wry grin, "but it's only one room with kitchen privileges."

Out of her pittance of $55 a month on the sewing project, $18 must go for rent.

"Then I have to spend nearly $10 a month for drugs for my husband," she added. "After that the rest goes for food. And with the rising prices that isn't much. We get so little to eat that sometimes I have to hold the table at which I work to keep myself from falling from weakness."

The largest number of these women work in an old three-story frame building at 450 Gough street. Here 1500 women come to work in two shifts every day. They must check in and out with a doorkeeper every day, and visitors may get past the guard only by special permission.

Economy of Scarcity

Inside, the women work over tables spread out through bare drafty rooms. Almost nine-tenths of the work is done by hand. The government's aim, in line with the "economy of scarcity," is plainly to put people to work and not to turn out clothing which might compete with private industry and bring current high prices down.

About a dozen women are assembled around each table. Most of them are engaged in assembling and sewing garments cut in another department. There are shirts, slips and underwear of all sorts, baby's dresses and even diapers by the thousands.

"I assemble as high as 1600 diapers a day," Miss Irene Brook, who works as a checker and assembler, told me. This work takes an experienced hand and in private industry, gets at least a monthly wage of $85. The standard wage on the sewing project is $55.

Protest Brings Promise

Upstairs there are two more departments much the same as the one below—great bare rooms with women bent over long tables. When I visited the project there was little talking; all the women seemed intent on their work or absorbed with the problem of what they are to do if Pomeroy's edict goes through and the project closes.

"These 3200 women are as helpless as turkeys in a Thanksgiving pen," Mrs. Murphy told Welfare Commission Chairman Florence McAuliffe as she and scores of other women project workers crowded the Commission's office protesting the threatened shut down.

McAuliffe responded that the Commission hoped to keep the project going semi-permanently and could at least guarantee the women that it would not be closed before January 1.

Fear of Future

"That's very much like the man who fell from a ten-story window and shouted into each window on his way down: 'I'm all right so far,'" Mrs. Murphy, eloquent and Irish, flashed back.

And from all the women to whom I talked, I gained the same oppressive feeling of fear of the future. "What would you do if the project closed down?" I asked many of them.

"I'd go right to the police station and get locked up," flashed back Miss Brook. "And I mean that—even if I had to throw a rock through a window to do it. I'll never again go through those days of hunger that I endured before I got on the project."

"I don't know what I would do," Ethel Krug answered me. "I don't know what to do even now. The money I get isn't even enough for one right now."

What "Savings"?

The majority of the women are running nearly a month behind in bills, Mrs. Murphy explained. If they were laid off it would be at least 10 weeks before they could get on direct relief. In the interim they are expected to live on "savings." Clearly that means starvation.

There are thousands of women whose cases are the same.

There is Mrs. Antonio Wilkinson who must support her sick husband and two children on her earnings. Her children, 4 and 8 years of age, are expected to receive a healthful and nutritious diet from her pitiful wages.

There is Mrs. Mary Page, whose motherly attention and kindness have won all the women at her table as her friends. Last year Mrs. Page won the prize at the state fair for her sewing. She is an expert seamstress and yet the project lists her as an old and "useless worker." Receiving $55 now, she is threatened with getting nothing in the months to come.

All Groups Here

There is the middle-aged woman, known simply as Martha, who left Soviet Russia after the Revolution and came to America to raise her four children. By her untiring efforts she did this, but now, ironically, when the country she left provides pensions for all old workers, the country of her adoption offers her nothing but menial slavery as a seamstress.

There is Mrs. Nina Trumbo, whose husband was killed fighting "to make the world safe for democracy" in 1918. Struggling bravely through the years, Mrs. Trumbo managed to send her son and daughter through the University of California.

The other day, when thousands of fur-coated spectators saw California and Stanford battle at Palo Alto, Mrs. Trumbo could not forget the university for which she paid so much. Fellow workers saw her blossom out with a golden yellow chrysanthemum in honor of the University of California.

Wages Versus Profits

Fellow workers likewise noticed that she went without her lunch in order to buy the flower.

In Baltimore today Mrs. Trumbo's son lies critically ill with stomach ulcers, that privileged disease of the under-nourished. In San Francisco today Mrs. Trumbo faces starvation because Mr. Pomeroy feels that the sewing project is unnecessary.

These stories picked at random from the 3200 similar stories those women on the project might tell show a frightful picture of gloom, despair, malnutrition and fear when placed alongside the tables of record profits reaped by "big business" throughout the year.

THERE is a ray of hope, however. The California Workers' Alliance is mobilizing a spirited opposition to the threatened closing of the project. Over 2000 San Francisco women project workers signed the petitions which Matt Posey, San Francisco organizer of the Alliance presented to Mr. McAuliffe.

Mr. Pomeroy Responsible

The Welfare Commission has shown its desire to co-operate.

"San Francisco has put up its share of the appropriation," McAuliffe reported, "and I can say that this commission is definitely committed to continuing the sewing project."

This places the burden of responsibility clearly at the door of Mr. Harold Pomeroy and the State Relief Administration. If the project closes the fate of 12,000 California women rests in their hands.

Spurred by the activity of the Alliance, a women's local has been formed to take in workers on the sewing project.

Workers Will Struggle

"We've just been going about a month," declared Mrs. Murphy, temporary chairman, "but we already have over 250 women from the project in our local."

"Although, at the moment we are of course primarily interested in seeing that the project is not closed, we plan to branch out and take in all the activities other unions offer—social affairs, discussion of women's affairs and classes on women's problems."

This, at least, is a sign that San Francisco's 3200 WPA seamstresses are not going to face starvation and destitution without putting up a struggle.

THE WOMAN'S SLANT

Housewife's Services Worth $3500 a Year

By MABEL EVANS

THERE is one major section of our workers who have not as yet achieved even formal recognition of the eight-hour day.

Over 55 years ago, in 1881, the struggle for the eight-hour day commenced. Fifty-six years later the California State Senate killed a bill providing for a maximum 60 hour week for one of our greatest industries.

These workers, perhaps the most ruthlessly exploited in the nation, are the domestic workers. Even the Black-Connery wage-hour bill, pending before Congress today, makes no provision for these hundreds of thousands of workers.

"I really don't have an hour a day that I can call my own," one middle age domestic worker told me. "I get time off, yes, but I must continually be on call, and I never know when I will be wanted to do this or that piece of work."

It is for these workers that the Domestic Workers Union in the East Bay is struggling. Currently they are circulating petitions asking for their inclusion under the meager benefits of the Social Security Act and demanding that California's Industrial Welfare Board enforce the observance of legal working conditions.

Not all domestic workers are employed. There are the thousands of housewives who are struggling to make both ends meet on their husbands' salaries and who are forced to work from morning to night at the most menial tasks.

Home Chores Mount Up

"After all," a housewife told me, "a factory worker doesn't have to stop his machine and drop his tools to hear 'Harry, I'm thirsty, little Oscar is thirsty. Get us a drink of water, and will you bring an ash-tray!'"

The Department of Labor recently released some telling figures on woman's economic status under our "benevolent" capitalism. It was estimated that labor cost of preparing the family meals alone was $1167 a year—and this at the extremely modest estimate of 15c worth of labor per meal. If preparing the meals represents about one third of the housewife's services then the money value of her work would run around $3500 a year.

Sex Discrimination

Not only does the housewife get nothing for this labor, but she is forced to rely completely upon conditions beyond her control—her husband's salary—for her food and security.

Under such conditions it is no surprise to women that they are considered one of the most exploited and oppressed classes in the nation. Increasing numbers of them are awakening to the opportunities for freedom and economic independence offered them under a socialist society.

And under such conditions it is not surprising that the Institute of Practical Arts considers the reluctance of women to go into domestic service as one of the most important of its problems. In domestic service they are offered wages of from $10 to $30 a month with board. In short, they are offered the opportunity of entering private industry at a wage scale of less than half that offered men.

Situation More Acute

During depression years the situation has become increasingly acute, the Domestic Workers Union finds. Thousands of women have been offered the alternative of domestic service or starvation. As a result wage-scales have dropped tremendously, thus forcing down the scale in the entire industry. It is by no means unusual to find domestic servants working simply for their board and room.

These are the conditions which the Union is fighting. They demand that the state enforce the legal $15 a week wage scale and grant the 8 hour day. Could these demands be considered unreasonable?

Art and Music

Spain Posters Contain Best In Modernism

By GEORGE HITCHCOCK

FUERA LOS invasores extranjeros!

Throw out the foreign invaders: Loyalist Spain speaks as with one voice.

And that voice resounds time and again in the Spanish posters now on display at the Artists Co-operative Galleries, 166 Geary St., in San Francisco.

Despite all that super-refined "aesthetes" say about art and propaganda, art is at its best and healthiest when it is most closely associated with action. The two-score posters on display illustrate this marvellously. In all anti-fascist art, and in this anti-fascist art particularly, there is a directness, firmness and unequivocating attack which brings poster composition the simplicity and meaning without which it cannot exist.

And in this exhibit this has not meant any abandonment of technique or artistic integrity. Indeed, many of the posters are breath-taking in their display of technical ability. The best in the modernists has gone into them. The brilliant juxtaposition of ideas which one encounters in Picasso, Braque and even Miro are found here.

But here they are not merely technical fireworks going off in a vacuum. They are the conscious reflection of an aroused people defending themselves against the fascist invader.

Atacar es vencer!

TO ATTACK is to conquer! This unbounded militancy pervades the entire show. In one poster a spurred boot filled with Italian soldiers is shown trampling on Spain; but in the very next the colossal figure of a Spanish worker grasping his rifle is seen arising from the freshly tilled fields, a giant fist is shown defiantly threatening Hitler's swastika.

There are several excellent posters brought out by the Communist Party of Spain. But there are also posters done by every other group within the People's Front. Anarchists call the peasants to till the fields; the trade unions demand support for the people army; the government asks vigilance against espionage and counter-revolution.

It goes without saying that this show should be put on your "must" list. Many of the posters are for sale at prices ranging from two to five dollars, the proceeds to go to Spain.

The show runs to December 11th.

L. A. Children Give Presents to Spaniards

LOS ANGELES — Giving up one of their Christmas presents so that the children of Spain may have a happier holiday season, youngsters in their 'teens from the families connected with the Los Angeles Womens' Committee, American League Against War and Fascism, are giving a party Saturday evening, December 4 at 629 North Maple Drive, Beverly Hills.

Admission will be 25 cents, plus a gift to be sent direct to Spain. Interested parents are urged to tell their children about the party, which is to start at 7 p.m.

NO HOLDS BARRED
By LEFTY

A WEEK ago in one of his delirious moments Lefty predicted that if Alabama were invited to the Rose Bowl the Crimson Wave would thoroughly drench Mr. Allison's proteges.

Lefty now wishes to retract before the betting wolves have a chance to tree him. After listening to the Alabama-Vanderbilt gladiatoral combat over the air Lefty is of the opinion that the crimson wave has shrunk to a ripple about as dangerous as that produced when you have thrown an old suspenders button into a mud-puddle.

True, Alabama did beat Vanderbilt 9 to 7. Likewise indisputable that Alabama's Mr. Joe Kilgrow played a nice contest. But to Lefty's sensitive ears the description of Alabama's efforts sounded pretty feeble. Perhaps the sports-caster should take the blame. Just the same Lefty retreats. It's the Golden Bears in the Rose Bowl and Lefty, his California mania rehabilitated, picks them against all callers, including the very dangerous Pitt eleven.

The Old Army Game

LEFTY made a lengthy excursion among the sports-casters this last week. He heard the Army-Navy game, which turned out as everyone expected, 6-0 for the Cadets and, as most Westerners expected, amused 103,000 spectators with some of the sloppiest football of the season.

But the bouquet for exciting games goes to Howard Jones Southern California Trojans who, beaten though they were put up one of the snappiest fights available against Elmer Layden's Norte Dame "Irishmen." Lefty picked this one all right but he never expected the magnificent game the Trojans displayed.

Lefty's foot slipped just a wee mite on the Columbia-Stanford affair, but then his good nature was restored by reflecting that Stanford had that 0-0 tie coming to them. Furthermore, it's always amusing to witness a Stanford reversal just to hear Mr. "Howling" Thornhill accuse the referees, the weather and the scorekeeper of crookedness. He does it every time.

THE RADIO DIAL

MUSIC-LOVERS who found the prices at the recent San Francisco opera season prohibitive will have an opportunity to hear the New York Metropolitan Opera open with "Manon" this Saturday at 10:55 a. m., PST, over the National Broadcasting Company. Tune in on KGO.

Still highlighting progressive program is "Labor on the March," presented by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and to be heard over KGGC (1420 kilocycles) every night at 6:30.

Stack "Labor on the March" up against the much-publicized "March of Time" some evening. You can hear the latter program at 5:30 Thursday afternoon over NBC.

Best programs for the rest of the week (all times PST):

Wednesday:

Max Nohl will broadcast from the bottom of Lake Michigan at 10:45 a. m. on NBC. It's not a gag, he'll be in a diving suit.

6 p. m., Columbia (KSFO or KNX) Ezio Ponza, famous bass, on the Chesterfield hour.

Thursday:

6:30 p. m., America's Town Meeting of the Air, NBC.

Friday:

5 p. m., NBC, Cities Service Concert with Lucille Manners and Rosario Bourdon's orchestra.

7:15, Mutual Broadcasting (KYA) presents Josef Lhevinne, famous pianist, in Liszt's E Flat Concerto. The orchestra will play selections by Goldmark and Borodin.

Saturday:

10:55, NBC, Metropolitan Opera.

2:45, CBS, Coolidge Foundation presents a Schumann piano quintet and a Mendelssohn string quartet.

7 p. m., NBC, Artur Rodzinski conducting the National Broadcasting Company symphony orchestra in Beethoven's 5th Symphony and selections by Debussy, Albeniz, Sibelius and Handel.

The S. F. County Committee of the Communist Party announces the opening of its winter

FILM FORUM

See the First in a Series of Movie Programs

"The Heart of Spain"

Filmed under shell fire along the Madrid front and in American hospitals in Spain!

Sunday, Dec. 5, 121 Haight Street

7:30 and 9:00 p.m. Admission 25c

Audience discussion between showings.

Civil Service Graft Hinted; Quiz on Pensions to Open

Favoritism Seen In Ratings and Dismissals

LOS ANGELES — Manipulations of civil service ratings in the State Board of Equalization and charges of "wholesale dismissals" of Board workers on order from ex-political big shot Helen "Queer Helen" Werner, were slated for airing Monday by a special subcommittee of the Assembly Interim Committee on Civil Service.

Composed of Assemblymen Sam Yorty and Fred Glick, the committee was expected to quiz Ray L. Edgar, southern member of the Equalization Board on the dismissal of 40 employees of the Board last December, 1935. Dismissals of the workers occurred just prior to placing the Board under civil service.

40 Workers Dismissed

Also scheduled to appear before the committee was Mrs. Bertha M. Garrett, collector for the retail sales division of the Board, who has charged that attempts were made to railroad her out of state employ by low efficiency ratings given her by Supervisor Fred O. Jacobson, of the investigations and collections division here.

Mrs. Garrett was one of the 40 workers dismissed—assertedly on orders of Mrs. Werner—when Orfa Jean Shontz, Epic-elected member of the Board of Equalization, resigned her post to accept a place on the Municipal Bench.

Queried by the sub-committee last Wednesday, Jacobson pleaded inability to explain how he arrived at various efficiency ratings given employes under his supervision.

Continually "Under Fire"

Fired without notice or hearing in December, 1935, Mrs. Garrett went to Superior Court to force her reinstatement and won back her job along with 10 months back pay. Since then, she told the committee, she has continually been "under fire" and at present, attempts are being made to abolish her position as a means of ousting her.

Not to meet in full session until January, the Assembly Interim Committee investigating charges of civil service racketeering throughout the State, consists of George Miller, Democrat from Oakland, chairman; Gardner Johnson, Republican, Berkeley; Fred Glick, Democrat from South Gate,, secretary; Sam Yorty, Democrat, Los Angeles; and Charles Stream, Republican, San Diego.

The special sub-committee investigating Mrs. Garrett's case, is to report its findings to the full committee when it reconvenes in Sacramento.

Move Grows Against Chest Discrimination

Burford's Discharge Brings Down Wrath of Democrats, CIO Unions

LOS ANGELES—Community Chest authorities were on the spot here this week when the furor caused by the discriminatory discharge of Chest Worker James Burford took positive action in the form of protests from committees from the Democratic County Central Committee and the CIO Industrial Council.

The issue arose two weeks ago when Burford, Young Democratic Club leader and member of the United Office and Professional Workers' Union, was fired for alleged inefficiency and partisanship.

Demand Reinstatement

Demanding that the board of directors of the Chest declare a policy establishing the rights of their workers to belong to any political, religious, trade union or fraternal organization which they might choose, the Democratic Committee also insisted that Burford be reinstated "until such time as any charges of efficiency can be substantiated."

President of the CIO Council George Roberts, heading a committee, joined forces with a committee representing Young Democratic Clubs of the state and led by State President David Gill and Assemblyman Sam Yorty, to demand Buford's immediate reinstatement.

Charge Is Absurd

On the point of "inefficiency," it was pointed out that Burford had served satisfactorily in seven Chest campaigns in positions similar to the one from which he was fired.

Smarting under the sting of criticism, Victor Rossetti, chairman of the Chest's board of directors, admitted resentfully that a deluge of letters, cards and telegrams had been received demanding that Burford be given back his job.

Unless Burford is reinstated and a clear statement of the right of employes to join any union they choose is issued before next Monday, November 28, the CIO Council would in all probability vote to boycott the Community Chest, Roberts advised the board.

Labor-Hater Named

A sub-committee, with Judge Benjamin F. Bledsoe as chairman, was appointed to investigate the matter and report back to the board.

One of the members of the Democratic committee expressed surprise that Judge Bledsoe should be named on the sub-committee, inasmuch as his name has been frequently used as sponsor of the racketeering, labor-hating Constitutional Society.

Mobs Rouse Ire Of Citizens in San Bernardino

SAN BERNARDINO — Working against the organized indifference of police and city administration officials, progressives and liberals here were mobilizing forces last week against the vigilante terror that has swept through this town in the past four weeks.

A mass protest is scheduled to be held Friday night, December 3, in the Lincoln Hall, scene of a bloody encounter with teamster-led "goons" last November 10.

At the same time, plans were near completion for the formation of a Citizens' Committee for Civil Rights to embrace a wide representation from local citizens. Slated to take an active part in the establishment of this committee is the American League Against War and Fascism and the American Civil Liberties Union.

SAN BERNARDINO — Further disturbances at Communists' meetings will be prevented by the police department according to a recent announcement of Mayor C. T. Johnson and Chief of Police Joseph H. Hayden.

"Insofar as these meetings are orderly, we will not and have not objected to their gatherings," declared the mayor in his instruction to the police. "We believe in free speech and freedom of political convictions, although we do not feel that public peace should be jeopardized by the gathering of any group of people who are knowingly courting disorder."

In any event, he announced, future meetings will be guarded by uniformed officers with instructions to maintain law and order. How the police propose to "guard" these meetings is indicated by Chief Hayden who declared he will take "the necessary steps to stop the meeting," if there is "any intimation of bloodshed or trouble."

More Police Evasion

On November 10, approximately 50 "goons" attacked a meeting of the Modern Open Forum called to discuss "The Undeclared War in China." In the battle that followed when members of the audience fought off the "goons," Mat Bobrick, member of the Inland Boatmen's Union, suffered a fractured skull and concussion of the brain. Late last week, Bobrick was still in the San Pedro General Hospital seriously ill.

Evading enforcement of constitutional guarantee of free speech and free assemblage, the police department has contended that it does not have sufficient forces to handle the situation. Threats to put a complete stop to all workers' meetings were voiced by police rather than provide adequate protection.

City Fathers Speak

Typical of the city administration's attitude toward the breaking up of workers' meetings was a statement issued last week by Mayor C. T. Johnson:

"The City Administration," said Johnson, "feels that hoodlumism in San Bernardino must stop and we feel that the only way to stop it is to stop the meetings at which it occurs."

Meanwhile, preliminary steps for filing law suits against city officials and teamsters' union leaders were begun last week by the International Labor Defense when affidavits from witnesses of the "goon" attacks labor attorney recently returned were taken. Leo Gallagher, noted from Spain and the Soviet Union is expected to lead the fight into court.

From business, educational, and civic circles throughout San Bernardino county, letters of protest against the police connivance at vigilantism have been pouring into local newspapers and organizations.

A strong movement among trade unionists is underway to secure resolutions of condemnation of vigilante activities and police inactivity.

Aged Suffer From Delay Caused By Small Staff

LOS ANGELES—Jolted into action by a threatened investigation from the Assembly Interim Committee on Social welfare, the Board of Supervisors here promised quick action last week to speed up handling of old age pension applicants.

Six or eight months' delay in handling applications of needy aged persons has characterized the local Department of Charities' treatment of such cases. Failure of the supervisors to appropriate needed funds was charged as cause for the delays, by Superintendent of Charities, Rex Thomson.

Department Undermanned

Prompt action followed Thomson's charge when Supervisor Herbert C. Legg presented the Board with a resolution calling for immediate appropriation of $55,360 to hire 74 additional social workers and clerical employes. The resolution is scheduled to come before the Board Tuesday.

Thomson declared that the Board neglected to approve a $25,750 item in the 1937-38 budget proposed by the Charities' department, thus leaving the department undermanned.

In presenting his resolution to the Board, Legg asked that Thomson be instructed to notify all pension applicants 60 days after filing of their application and every 30 days thereafter why their application has not been certified.

Live in Privation

Repeated complaints from pension applicants that they are forced to live in privation for months while waiting certification of their applications secured promise of investigation from the Assembly Interim committee. The committee is expected to open hearings into the situation next week in the State Building, here.

Of the more than 8,000 applications of needy aged persons now awaiting action, 5300 have been accepted but are still waiting for interviews. An additional 1800 cases have been certified, but have not received final investigation from field workers.

C. P. Expels Greathead

Robert Greathead, Financial Secretary of Local Industrial Union No. 96 of Alameda County, is expelled from the Communist Party as an opportunist, self-seeker, and irresponsible element. When a reactionary group attempted to oust three workers from Durkees for political reasons, Greathead not only did not defend these workers, but told one of them to leave the plant. He called a rump meeting of Durkee employees in order to try to oust these workers from the plant.

He has boasted that he had a swell job; that he did not have to work any more; all he had to do was sit in the office six hours a day, the rest of the time was his own. He has failed to carry out decisions of the Party made in the interest of the union.

The Communist Party is composed of the most class conscious, militant section of the working class. It expects union officials who are Communists to be the most self-sacrificing members of their organization, with no interests other than the interests of the working class. Our Party becomes stronger by purging its ranks of the elements such as Greathead.

District Committee,
Alameda County C. P.

LATIN AMERICA DEMOCRATS TO PLAN DEFENSE

Mexican Unions Call for Democracy Meet After Brazil Events

MEXICO CITY — Stirred by what happened in Brazil, the democratic and left-wing parties of Latin America have agreed to come together in a congress to unitedly develop means "to safeguard the democratic systems of government."

The Mexican Confederation of Workers is initiating this congress. Immediately when Vargas proclaimed himself the dictator of Brazil, Lombardo Toledano, general secretary of the Confederation, sent a cable to all democratic parties of Central and South America.

In this cable, Toledano asked these political parties to convene immediately in defense of democracy.

Affirmative answers were received by the C.T.M. last week from all the parties that form the Popular Front of Chile; from the Partido Aprista of Peru; from the Socialist Party, the Socialist Workers Party and the Radical Party of Argentine; from the Socialist Party and the Partido Colorado of Uruguay; from the parties that support the present government of Columbia; and from Cuban and Central American parties.

The Confederation announces that special invitations are being sent to the National Revolutionary Party and the Communist Party of Mexico.

The political parties of the United States are invited to send fraternal delegates to this Congress of Latin-American Democracy who will receive voice but no vote.

Negro Leaders Rally to Build Fighting NAACP

LOS ANGELES—Heralding a drive to bring 2,000 members into the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Rev. J. C. Caston, liberal pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, this week announced the campaign to be in full swing.

"Already well-attended meetings have indicated that the Negro people realize they must take matters in their own hands to remedy the constant encroachment on what little civil rights they still enjoy," said a prominent Negro attorney.

"Freedom of speech has been suspended in Los Angeles' so-called Black Belt. Individuals who have spoken out against even the most flagrant injustices have been terrorized; shots have been fired at their homes, others have had rocks thrown through their windows and still others have suffered physical violence. A large, strong NAACP in Los Angeles, led by liberals and progressives, can do much to halt these outrages and the rampant discrimination against the Negro people," he ended.

Baxter Scruggs, secretary of the 28th Street YMCA, L. G. Robinson, chief custodian of the Hall of Justice, secretary of the Dining Car Workers' Union, Floyd Covington, secretary of the Urban League, Thomas L. Griffith, attorney, are others heading the membership drive.

CIO Council Will Nominate Officers

SAN FRANCISCO — Nominations for officers will take place at the CIO Industrial Council next Friday night at 149 Mason St.

Last week's meeting adopted a resolution introduced by United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers Local 1405, of Redwood City-San Mateo, requesting all affiliated locals to wire California Congresmen who have not already done so ,to sign the petition to get the wages and hours bill out of committee.

The council elected George Wilson, Henry Schmidt and Delegate Burns as its representatives at the December 11-12 convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League.

Will Congress Back Peace Appeal?

AMERICAN TORIES who have thrived on the traditional isolationism of the United States in world affairs were sorely upset by President Roosevelt's appeal for peace and warning to the aggressor nations in his famous Chicago speech. Though the majority of the American peopleagreed with the President in his attack on the fascist invasion of Spain and China, the Tories are now trying in the extra session of Congress to bind the U .S. to a further impotent role in international affairs.

Water Price Raised As City Dads Sense 'Duty'

Hint Illegal Expenditure of Taxpayers' Funds Brought On Near Bankruptcy

LOS ANGELES—Beginning January 1, water consumers in Los Angeles will pay 15 per cent higher rates following adoption by the City Council last Wednesday, of an ordinance proposed by the Water and Power Commission.

Passed by a vote of 9 to 6, the new ordinance will boost city water costs by $1,00,000, save water and power commissioners the embarrassment of defaulting on bond interest payments, force needy and low-salaried families to use less water.

Two hundred citizens were present in the rich, red marble council chambers as "city dads" boosted water rates. Half a dozen of them, representing various civic organizations, hotly protested passage of the ordinance.

Stricken By "Duty"

Sadly, but bravely, Councilman James Hyde, announced he was voting for the ordinance because he felt it to be his "duty."

"All of us deeply regret the necessity to raise the rates," said Hyde with crocodile tears slithering off his cheeks. "But, I don't think anything other than this will keep the Water Department solvent and keep us from losing all our investment."

Raising the election threat, one member of the audience declared:

"Never have you council members been watched before as you are now. I know the sentiment of the people and they have your names and know your stand on this water question. When the time comes, they will remember it."

Hailed widely as a "compromise," the adopted ordinance was brought into the Council by the Water Commission after two previous proposed bills, calling for a $2,00,000 increase in consumers' costs, had been rejected by the wary "city dads."

Whither People's Money

Plea of the Water and Power Commission was that it would be forced to halt work on the valuable Mono Basin water project, if further revenues were not forthcoming.

"Unwise, injudicious, and illegal expenditures of taxpayers' money" was charged by citizens as the real cause for the Commission's present financial embarrassment.

Councilmen voting against the ordinance included: Byron Brainard, F. P. Buyer, Earl C. Gay, Evan Lewis, Darwin W. Tate, and Jim Wilson.

For the ordinance were: John Baumgartner, G. Vernon Bennett, Stephen W. Cunningham, Howard W. Davis, James M. Hyde, Robert S. McAllister, Win J. Sanborn, Edward L. Thrasher, and Robert L. Burns.

Another Big Census

SAN FRANCISCO — Another big census occurs in December, this time one taken by the Young Communist League of its members. The League's Executive Board is taking inventory and expects that the total membership of the YCL will top 1,100.

AFL PAINTERS' 'CZARS' FIGHT PROGRESSIVES

New Tactics Follow Rout of Red-baiting Charges in L. A. Council

LOS ANGELES — Blocked in their attempts to oust progressive leadership from Painters' District Council No. 35, reactionaries in the union's General Executive Board last week began new tactics to weaken the rank and file controlled council.

Last Friday night announcement was made that a large slice of Council No. 35 territory had been given by the G.E.B. to Council No. 25. Considered by local painters as "cream" of the territory under jurisdiction of No. 36, the gift to No. 25 was made without consulting either district officials or local unions.

Fight Decision

Prospects of determined opposition to the move were evident when council delegates warned that locals would continue to work on jobs even if it were necessary to provide "defense squads."

Definite illegality of the executive board's action was noted inasmuch as No. 36 charter specifically states it shall have jurisdiction over all of Los Angeles City. Most of the territory handed No. 25, lies within city limits.

Total lack of evidence led last week to acquittal of Frank Kadish and Sam Abrams, remaining two of six delegates accused on red-baiting charges. Previously Hugh Campbell, secretary; James Meeks, president; Sam Abel, business agent; and Don Healy, business agent, were acquitted by trial boards.

Red-baiters Routed

The reactionaries' complete defeat was seen when the G.E.B. advised the Council "to settle its own disputes," that none of the decisions on the six accused delegates would be set aside.

Meanwhile, council business agents announced a concentrated drive to enforce the seven hour day.

Filling Station Pickets Effective Despite Scabs

SAN FRANCISCO—Although three scabs, wearing AFL Garage Employees Union buttons, are working, CIO Filling Station Employees Union pickets are proving effective at the General Petroleum station at Army and Valencia Sts., reporting that the station pumped only 16 gallons one day as compared to the normal 500. AFL members are respecting the pickets. The CIO men were locked out.

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12th	Santa Barbara	500.00	332.49	66.4	167.51
13th	Fresno	150.00	90.00	60.0	60.00
14th	San Diego	1000.00	600.13	60.0	399.87
15th	San Bernardino	250.00	138.90	55.5	111.10
16th	Bakersfield	150.00	66.16	44.1	83.84
17th	Fort Bragg	200.00	74.84	37.4	125.16
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Progressive Labor Record Set By Fishermen's Union

INSURANCE CO. GYPPED PEOPLE FOR LONG TIME

Pacific Mutual's Holdup Tactics in L. A. are Cited by Worker

By a Worker Correspondent

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—Shady deals and racketeering on the part of big business is not news. An insight into the business of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co. might become news and will show that the Pacific Mutual was set up as a racket by the powers that be in California.

The articles that have been written for the Western Worker have given a good picture of the present situation with the Pacific Mutual, but this writer will show that the company years ago engaged in gypping the people.

It was nine years ago. I had just been hired by the L. A. Railway as a bus driver. While a number of us were taking our training and were being talked to by one of the supervisors, an agent made his appearance.

High-Pressured

The supervisor called the agent over and the agent introduced himself as being from the Pacific Mutual. The agent gave a sales talk on the sickness and accident policy, with the supervisor helping and seconding his talk. Every one of us signed up. We felt it was a necessary item just like the watch, uniform, cap, money changer, etc., we had to buy, and the yellow dog contract to sign.

A few months later a bus driver died of what was called heart failure while driving on Western Ave. There was a clause in the policy of the Mutual Co. which said the company would pay $1000 for accidental death while working.

Killed by Speedup

Of course the Mutual did not pay on the policy of the driver who died on Western Ave. That was not an accident. All of us drivers knew though that the speedup, long hours and the nervous strain of driving in city traffic day in and day out contributed to the driver's death.

I canceled my policy with the Mutual when they could not show me where they had paid out on the death clause for about five years in the case of L. A. Railway employees, numbering over 3000.

Sometime after I had cancelled my policy, I was in the dispatching headquarters when one of the bus conductors whom I knew and worked with, complained that the Mutual had tacked an amendment to his accident policy. This man had been off from work twice for piles. The constant standing on the back platform of the double deck busses had a lot to do with this ailment. The Mutual would no longer pay him compensation if he missed working on account of hemorrhoids!

A "Come 'n' See Me"

There were a number of drivers standing around and also some supervisors in the office but it provoked me into making the remark to all concerned that the fellow was a damn fool for accepting the amendment and that he should have torn the policy up and threw it in the face of the agent for Mutual that gave it to him.

The next morning I had a "come 'n' see me," which is the little printed slip the division superintendent used when he desired your presence in his office. This is about how the conversation ran:

"What have you against the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company?"

"Oh, nothing much except that they have a good racket."

"If you don't like the Mutual you don't have to do business with them, but why say anything to the other men about the Mutual."

Holdup Outfit

"Well, it's like this, Mr. super, there have been a number of holdups around this district the last few months. Now if a holdup man tried to hold me up and failed, and that same evening I saw you walking toward where I knew the thug was waiting for you, I would feel disposed to warn you. I feel that I would owe that much to a fellow man."

"You are not comparing the Mutual with a holdup man are you?"

"The Mutual is not quite so crude and has the LAW on its side."

Threatened

The super concluded the conversation with a veiled threat:

"I've carried a policy with Mutual for the twenty years that I have worked for this company. I do not want to hear anything more said by you against the Mutual. The Pacific Mutual and the L. A. Railway are very close companies, stockholders and that sort of thing."

There you are. L. A. Railway, i.e. S. P. and Standard Oil. Pacific Mutual, i.e. Southern Pacific. A proper investigation of Pacific Mutual would probably show that company up as a racket set up by the Southern Pacific Company in order to steal from their workers. There is dynamite in an investigation of Pacific Mutual and so you can bet there will be no proper investigation of that company with the present political set up in California.

Plan Government Reorganization

LOUIS BROWNLOW (left) and Dr. Luther Gulick, members of President Roosevelt's Committee on Government Reorganization, leaving the White House at Washington, after a conference with the chief executive on the committee's plans.

90c-a-Day Jobs Not For Vets

Won't Go for Wages Paid Inexperienced Cotton Pickers in Calif.

By a Veteran

LOS ANGELES—The mail that came into the National Military Home in the last week contained jobs for some of the vets. They were sent out by the U. S. Employment Service from Los Angeles. Circular mimeographed letters: would we be interested in picking cotton for 90 cents a hundred?

Outside of the post office, the boys went into a huddle. Many of them in all their life have never seen a cotton bush, tree or vine or whatever it is that cotton grows on.

90 Cents a Day

An experienced vet who knew what it was all about, came to the front and let it be known that inexperienced cotton pickers don't make 90 cents a day, and if anyone did make 90 cents he would have to live like a hog in the cotton fields, along with scabbing on the program of the Workers Alliance.

Hundreds of families and single men are being kicked off relief by the Los Angeles County relief racketeers for refusing to go to the cotton fields or the concentration camps.

The grievance committees of the Workers Alliance have hard going at the present time. If a demonstration or a committee larger than five appears at the relief office, the gendarmes are called at once and the pauperized workers are thrown in jail.

The vets would like to do something to help these victims of the insane social system that creates such misery. And it was agreed that to combat this menace it would be necessary to act.

Vets for the Workers

The relief set-up is made of political appointments. The relief officials operate the relief, along the lines the Chamber of Commerce and the bourgeoisie in general want it run, to force workers into peonage or strikebreaking. The vets see the angle —starvation for the workers of Los Angeles. And in case the workers won't "starve quietly," the brutal force of the bourgeois state is called into action.

Vets Against Fascism

No, the veterans are not interested in picking cotton; what many of them are interested in is crushing fascism, which they see springing up all over the world, as well as in the United States. The letters from the U. S. Employment Service were turned over to the Workers Alliance, others were torn up and thrown to the wind. The vets want to stand shoulder to shoulder in creating a united front.

They do not want a Collar Democracy, a government of property, for property and by property; this must be changed to a government of the people, for the people and by the people.

The people are not the 60 families and the 90 lesser ones that own and control the natural resources, the tools of production and all the other wealth of these United States. The people of the United States are the useful members of society, the workers and the farmers, and with them we will take our stand to destroy fascism and the exploitation of man by man, in order to create a happy, prosperous America.

WOODWORKERS HIT COMPANY UNION SET-UP

Fearing NLRB, Red River Lumber Co. Re-hires CIO Members

By a Timber Worker

WESTWOOD, Lassen County—The axe of democracy wielded by the Intl. Woodworkers of America (CIO) has fallen on the company union known as the IEU (Independent Employees Union) in Westwood, and workers of the Red River Lumber Co. are beginning to distinguish the difference between bunk and reality.

The Red River Lumber Co. is calling back workers who joined Local 53 of the IWA and were discriminated against, and many have been re-hired this week on their old jobs at the same rate of pay.

IEU Hit Hard

The much-despised IEU has suffered a severe set-back not only because the discriminated workers of the IWA have been reinstated, but the company has also notified the IEU that after November 22 the infamous preference clause in the agreement signed with that body will be cancelled.

These severe blows to company unionism are the effects of the CIO organization drive, together with the workers' sentiment, which is very strong for the IWA in Westwood.

This town, ruled under the iron heel of the lumber barons for many years, is now wide awake from its long sleep of ignorance and is gradually learning who the common enemies of the workers are.

Fears NLRB

The Red River Lumber Co., in my estimation, has put these CIO workers back to work out of fear of the National Labor Relations Board hearing scheduled for the company's employees.

However, an election by the board is now sure to be held before the hearings. But whether it be an election or hearings, we are positive one or the other will be in our favor.

The CIO marches on!

44c Per Day Pay Raise May Cost "Rails" Plenty

By a Railroad Worker

SAN JOSE, Santa Clara County—Railroad employees are wondering what the 44 cents per day raise cost them.

Quoting A. F. Whitney of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the railway labor executives evidently have traded on the three important proposals, namely, the train limit bill, the full crew and the six hour day, and there are hints of further modifications of the working rules, which of course will not help railroad workers.

Need Rank and File Action

We do know that one organization has slapped on an $11 assessment on its members, also they have saddled the state and federal unemployment tax and the Railroad retirement board tax, using the alibi that organizers, to offset propaganda tending to discourage new members from joining, are more important right now.

All of which may be 98 per cent bunk. Some of us think it is about time for action on the part of the rank and file.

USSR EXPORTS GAIN

MOSCOW — During the first nine months of this year the foreign trade turnover of the USSR amounted to 2,231.3 million roubles, an increase of 217.2 million roubles as compared with the corresponding period of last year.

OROVILLE FAST ORGANIZING TO BOYCOTT JAPAN

Independence Club Adopts And Issues Program Asking Support

By a Worker Correspondent

OROVILLE, Butte County — Our boycott committee, of the Oroville Independence Club, met last week and a program was accepted and will be mimeographed. A copy will be sent to all unions, patriotic organizations, churches, lodges, clubs, etc.

I think the Japanese boycott will go over here O. K. We each were supposed to write out a boycott program on Japanese goods and then we would salect the best one to send out to the movements we expect to gain support from.

Oroville Organizing

We selected one of the programs to send out, and I was asked to send my boycott article into the Western Worker so that the people in other states could see that Oroville was trying to organize the people and to lead them away from supporting aggressive Japan which is murdering the peaceable Chinese people.

The boycott proposal is as follows:

"Greetings: To whom it may concern:

"The Oroville Independence Club is sponsoring a boycott campaign against Japan. We call upon all patriotic, social, political, benevolent, fraternal, union organizations and churches to take a democratic stand on this matter.

World War Menace

"Today the world is threatened with a new world war. Japan is a menace to democratic civilization. The barbarous war that Japan is carrying on against the Chinese people is an outrageous and murderous affair. The Japanese warmongers are slaughtering tens of thousands of innocent non-combatant women and children along with the defenders of peaceful China.

"We democratic people here in Oroville must give China our mental, physical and moral support in her defensive struggle against the aggressor Japan. We must see that a 100 per cent boycott on all Japanese goods takes effect. In this way Japan can be hampered in her war schemes, which if permitted to continue would involve the people of the USA in the war later on.

"The boycott on Japanese goods would help our economic situation here in the USA. If the Japanese rubbish was cleared off our markets, we would see more American factories, mills and mines working which now are idle. This would give more work for our workers here at home, which in turn would lessen our taxes and give us more buying power.

Increased Buying Power

"This increased buying power for the workers would help our farmers who are in a critical condition for a lack of a market for their produce.

"More work for the American workers and farmers spells more prosperity for America—our intellectuals, professional and business people would share equally in the economic, social and political gains along with the workers and farmers.

"Let your patriotism for democracy and peace be shown by actual deeds, by rallying around you the forces of your organization for a boycott of Japanese goods.

"Onward we must stand for democracy and peace."

Gets Daily Subs In Butte County

By a Worker Correspondent

OROVILLE, Butte County — Our comrades in other sections must come out and expose the fascist elements in their area via the Western Worker. Exposure of the fascists kills their influence among the masses.

Be sure and send me some charter sub blanks for the Daily Western Worker. I have one sub promised me now, and I think I can land three more subs as soon as I can get the sub blanks and give them to my contacts.

TELEVISION HAS COME

MOSCOW—Construction work on the biggest television studio in the Soviet Union is nearing completion. Television broadcasts of opera and theatre plays, concerts and cinema films will be conducted from this studio.

Tell the "Western" What Is Happening in Your Town,

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Calif. Fishermen Have Record of Achievement

Union Not Only Wins Improved Conditions But Also Has Fine Spirit of Democracy and Progressivism

By LOWELL WAKEFIELD

SAN FRANCISCO—California can well be proud of her fishermen. Organized practically 100 per cent into the Deep Sea & Purse Seine Fishermen's Union, they have not only a splendid record of achievement improving earnings and working conditions in the industry, but are right up in the front lines of the progressive march of labor.

We salmon and herring fishermen from Puget Sound and Alaska who fish sardines here under a fraternal agreement between our unions and the Deep Sea organization, already knew about the high price won for sardines this season because the victory helped us materially in setting a corresponding high price for herring. We are not superstitious about $13 a ton for fish when last year's price was but $10.

Progressive Spirit

(Fishermen do not work for wages. The price paid for each ton of fish delivered is split into 17 equal shares—one for each of the 11 men on the boat and the balance for the owners of the boat and gear. A fisherman's earnings can run from nothing to better than $1000 a month—$300 is about average.)

But we were surprised and pleased to find the fine spirit of democracy and progressivism which pervades the union. No just cause is ever turned down, whether it be tickets for another union's benefit affair, funds for Tom Mooney, a resolution for freedom of the Scottsboro boys or a boycott of Japanese goods (fishing nets and supplies particularly).

Active on Political Field

Though negligent of its duty in municipal elections (partly because of the transient character of the industry), the union has taken an active part in state politics and is an active participant in the California People's Legislative coalition, Labor's Non-Partisan League and similar movements, just as our union in Seattle supports the Washington Commonwealth Federation.

As a result, every bill of the 15 or 16 entered against the fishermen at the last legislative session in Sacramento was defeated, except one, which went over through betrayal of the fishermen's cause by officials of the State Federation of Labor.

Democracy prevails within the union meetings and there is confidence in the elected leadership of the organization—all of them progressives. Recent special meetings to discuss CIO affiliation saw spirited argument, with a big majority supporting the CIO (all coast fishermen's unions are now chartered under the defunct Intl. Seamen's Union, AFL).

Slander Snowed Under

The attempt of a small group of misled and reactionary members to spread slanderous charges against Matt Bottinovich, the union's business agent and outstanding fishermen's leader on the coast, was snowed under by unanimous vote of the membership.

Hatred for the Japanese imperialists, plus remnants of yet-to-be-defeated race prejudice, plus the very special antagonism of Alaska fishermen against Japan for the ruthless, outlaw depletion of Alaskan waters by cannery ships operating out of Nippon, has complicated the organization of Japanese fishermen in California. Many of the thousand-odd Japanese fishermen are citizens and are full-fledged members of the union. But many are not, and under a provision of the ISU constitution, men who are not eligible to become citizens canont join the union.

Against Discrimination

A minority sentiment wants these Japanese, many of whom have fished for as long as 25 years out of California ports, forced out of the industry. A majority, however, feels such action is unjust, would create an army of scabs. This majority supports fully the union's official policy of organizing the non-citizen Japanese into union auxiliaries, giving them the status and benefits of the good "citizens" and union men that they are, as far as the technicalities of the law and union constitution permit.

Need More C. P. Members

There is just one important black spot. Despite the widespread progressive sentiment (the Communist Party's waterfront organizer reports that no place in San Francisco can as many copies of the Western Worker be sold as easily as on the fishing boats), there are few regular readers of Communist literature and only a handful of Communist Party members. To guarantee continued progress of the union, a large, wide-awake group of Communists and more political educational material like the Western Worker on the boats, is the best insurance policy.

Those fishermen interested will usually find someone with whom to discuss these problems at 779 Vallejo St., San Francisco.

Co. Union Can't Even Shanghai Woodworkers

Tuolumne County Supervisor Stooges for Company at Booze Party

By a Timber Worker

TUOLUMNE—Frisco . . . The Barbary Coast . . . Shanghai days . . . revived again by the Pickering Lumber Co. company union.

When sailors' fogged brains had cleared from booze and knockout drops, they would find themselves drifting out over a choppy sea on some filthy tramp steamer. That's what was termed being "Shanghaied."

This trick has whiskers longer than Rip Van Winkle, but it's no surprise to me when it comes from a class that will starve and murder people.

Company's Supervisor

Such a man as Ernest Hodge, supervisor and dictatorial company union organizer of the Pickering Lumber Co. of Standard and the West Side Lumber Co. of Tuolumne, who has far more interest in the lumber barons than in the people who had elected him to serve for the good of the community.

Enclosed a copy of the "Standard Employees Assn" company union meeting that was posted directly opposite the General Delivery window at the Standard post office. In fact, the West Side Lumber Co. is using the assistant postmaster of Tuolumne as a cog in its machine.

Here the company union of the Pickering Lumber Company could be described as a toss-up between Hitler and Mussolini—take your choice. Free beer that is being poured into the uplifted cups and glasses by a drunken bartender, a bouncer on the outside, who I am told was at one time an officer in the company union: "Go inside and fill up."

IWA Members Present

But we had a good number of our members inside. From them I got the dramatic scene, how the booze flowed so freely, until the employers' stooges thought they had the workers' brains fogged with booze.

Before a drunken audience it was said: "We have 150 members (which is over-estimated by two-thirds) and only 20 members showed up. How do we expect to get anywhere if we don't get going. Next spring we are liable to be forced into some organization we don't care to belong to."

It was a well-paid stool that was speaking up for the interests of the bosses. But our brothers played their part by asking questions.

Cat Let Out

And the cat was let out of the bag, as a brother wanted to know how much strength the company union had, who would back it.

But the company's booze served to be a boomerang, as a loyal company union stooge who was dazed from booze, made the slip and declared: "Why the Pickering Lumber Co. is back of all this."

Common sense will show who furnished the money for this meeting—50c initiation fee, 25c a month dues from a membership of 50 or less. In short, it was worse than a flop.

The Intl. Woodworkers of America is still getting more members and will bring all the workers in Tuolumne County to the level so that hope, liberty and pursuit of happiness will be a reality, and not an illusion, as it is at present.

Workers Pierce Arguments of Japanese 'Phoney'

LOS ANGELES—Here to persuade American organized labor to lift its boycott against Japan, Bunji Suzuki, president of the Japanese Trade Union Congress, failed to "take in" local CIO leaders last week at a meeting requested by the Japanese labor envoy.

Pleas that Japan is really a "peace loving nation," crocodile tears shed for the Japanese worker, and fervent hopes for a "friendlier feeling" between China and his nation, only ended with Suzuki miserably squirming under the truth of the labor leaders' answers.

One by one, Suzuki's arguments were sent spinning by J. R. Robertson, Southern California Regional CIO Director; George Roberts, president of the Industrial Council; C. H. Jordan, Council secretary; and A. A. Heist, educational director for the CIO.

Answering Suzuki's statements that a Japanese boycott will injure Japanese workers, Robertson said:

"It's true that Japanese workers may suffer a temporary setback as a result of labor's boycott. But the present policies of the Japanese warlords will work an even greater hardship, plunging the country into economic chaos, killing off workers by the thousands."

Rap Vandeleur

SAN FRANCISCO — District Council No. 2, Maritime Federation of the Pacific, adopted a resolution condemning "any action taken by Edward Vandeleur of the State Federation of Labor, or any of his agents to organize a dual union in the fish reduction industry," at its Tuesday night meeting.

The Fish Reduction Workers Union voted 6-1 to affiliate with the CIO.

WORKERS FIGHTING STARVATION BUDGET IN SAN BERNARDINO

Vigilantism Shows Need to Fight Fascism

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN BERNARDINO—The American Standard of Starvation in San Bernardino is $47.52 a month. Plenty of families, from one to a dozen in the family, are trying to live on this amount, and because we don't like it and protest against these conditions, the vigilantes try to break up our meetings and beat us up.

This, as you know, took place at the Workers' Alliance meeting two weeks ago. What the vigilantes and thugs are doing should show the people that we are on our way to fascism in the United States unless we put up a stiff resistance.

NMU Wins More Ship Elections

NEW YORK—By a vote of 572 to 20, the National Maritime Union won a collective bargaining election among seamen of the New York and Cuba Mail Steamship Co., announced Mrs. Elinore M. Herrick, National Labor Relations Board regional director. Of 673 seamen eligible, 632 voted.

NEW ORLEANS—Seamen in the Southern Pacific Steamship Lines fleet, voted for the National Maritime Union to represent them in collective bargaining, announced Charles H. Logan, NLRB regional director.

UNION-PACKING LOSES JOBS OF STRAW-BOSSES

WPA Fires 9 on Charges of Workers Alliance in MFOW Case

SAN FRANCISCO—The Workers Alliance scored a significant victory here last Friday when nine WPA superintendents, foremen and clerks were fired for participating in organization of the "American Assn. of WPA Workers," a vigilante-type company union which was used to pack a Marine Firemen's Union meeting several months ago.

Those discharged, effective on November 30, were:

Vern Williams, superintendent, Fleishhacker Zoo Project; Jerrey McGuire, Ed Schutte, Harry Allenbaugh and Bob Simonetti, all foremen on the Fleishhacker project; Paul Harris and Bill Thayer, both clerks on the project; and a Mr. McFarland and a Mr. Donaldson, both used as messengers in organizing the fake company union on the Fleishhacker project.

Packed MFOW Meeting

WPA Director Wm. Mooser Jr. announced the firings, saying he had not acted because of the anti-union charges brought by the Alliance, but because their activities had taken place during regular work hours. Simonetti was not named in the Alliance charges.

The Alliance investigated and brought the charges following the action of these and other WPA straw-bosses in supplying men to J. E. Ferguson, ousted ex-secretary of the MFOW, who got the men into a union meeting with phoney union books.

Superintendent Bennett and Foreman Bill Lunkey, of the Crocker-Amazon Project, were also named by the Alliance as fostering the "American Assn. of WPA Workers" and are still under investigation by WPA officials.

Bridges Hits Seating Fake ILA 'Union'

SAN FRANCISCO — Harry Bridges, president of the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, last Saturday flayed the seating of one Harry Curtis as a delegate for the AFL Intl. Longshoremen's Assn., "Local 38-151," by the Central Labor Council.

"There are only eight men in this so-called longshoremen's union," said Bridges. "They claim they have 100 members. They couldn't scare up 100 members with a shotgun and not one member of that local is working.

"Not one member is represented by any agreement now in effect on the waterfront. All have been disrupters and trouble makers as far back as their union records can be traced.

Hard to Swallow

"The sight of the San Francisco Labor Council ousting delegates who represent 13,000 warehousemen and longshoremen to replace them with one delegate from a paper company union which has only eight members must be something pretty hard for any bona fide union member to swallow.

"It takes more than an office, three or four titles and a charter to constitute a union. It is my guess than when the truth of this matter is known by the rank and file of the AFL, they will bitterly resent it."

PUPPET THEATRE

LENINGRAD—During the latest tour of the Puppet Theatre, 98 shows were staged in children's parks and were attended by more than 50,000 children.

'Hall of Shame'

This Niche Reserved for MISTER GEORGE BROWNE

By DAVE WILLIAM

Oh please shed a tear for the thug Mister Browne,
The lug Mister Browne, the mug Mister Browne;
This rank-smelling phoney, this pal of Capone
Is full of baloney, we're now all aware;
This racketeer robber, this big city mobber
Is starting to slobber, is getting the air.

So please shed a tear while we bag Mister Browne,
Nag Mister, rag Mister, gag Mister Browne.

When the labor fakers are dispossessed
From the cushioned thrones where the pie-cards grow,
They will dream of the days when they used to rest
Before the birth of the CIO.

(NOTE: Browne is president of the Intl. Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, now under investigation by a State Assembly Committee.)

A SPECIAL PAGE OF TRADE UNION NEWS, DEVELOPMENTS AND FEATURES

Republican Senator models Wagner Act Amendment after Fascist Italy Labor law—ILWU bares fink contract signed by AFL officials in Seattle drug warehouses—Economic sabotage hits steel workers in Pittsburg, Cal.—Other labor news on regular news pages.

WAGNER ACT AMENDMENTS APE FASCISM

Sen. Vandenberg Proposals Modelled After Italy Labor Law

By Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan has modelled his proposed amendments to the Wagner Act closely after the fascist labor law of Italy adopted in 1926, Rep. Frank E. Hook of the same state, charged on the House floor last week.

"The Vandenberg amendments in theory, in tone, in fact, are the same as the fascist labor law," Hook declared.

Anti-Strike Proposals

Vandenberg has drawn up a number of amendments to the Wagner Act designed to curb the rights of labor and to prohibit completely the right to strike under certain circumstances. He included these proposals in the 10-point program of big business which he enunciated in his radio speech Monday night of last week.

The Republican Senator, who cherishes hopes of becoming the Republican standard bearer in 1940, has also been linked with Hitler in reports that Capt. Fritz Wiedemann, Hitler's personal adjutant, is now on his way to consult with Vandenberg here.

Hook's charges that the Vandenberg amendments are practically identical with the labor law of fascist Italy would tend to strengthen the accusations that he has connections with the fascist dictators in Europe.

Insult to Labor

"The Vandenberg amendments are nothing but an insult to labor," Hook said. "They infer that labor is irresponsible."

In the meantime, the battle lines are tightening in the struggle over the wages and hours bill with progressives from Wisconsin, Farmer-Laborites from Minnesota and Progressive Democrates arrayed against a powerful combination of Republicans and Liberty League Democrats.

Wages and Hours Bill

Plans were drawn up at a caucus of Democratic supporters of the measure to have every member of the House canvassed in order to get the 218 signatures necessary to discharge the Rules Committee which has refused to let the bill out on the floor since last August.

As a result of a concerted drive, 10 new signatures were added making a total of 179.

Jerry O'Connell of Montana said he felt the chances for getting the bill out on the floor by December 14 "were still good."

S. P. Denies Dining Car Pay Raises

Discrimination Charged by Rail Union in Appeal to Mediation Board

(Dining Car Employees Local 456 Press Release)

OAKLAND—With the powerful Southern Pacific Co. refusing to grant wage increases parallel to those given all other employees of its dining department, conferences terminated recently after several months of negotiations between the railroad and the Dining Car Employees Union.

Considering the fact that dining car workers are the lowest paid of rail employees, working an average of 16 hours a day and under many abnormal conditions, refusal to treat these workers equally with others, points to employer discrimination.

Sensing the need for acting on a national basis to protect their interests, dining car employees met recently at Omaha for the purpose of coordinating their efforts to improve their economic, industrial and social well-being, and to end the disjointed action which now places them in a precarious condition when attempting to bargain with the highly organized rail interests.

The average annual wage of these workers is less than $864. As a result the Southern Pacific Cooks, Waiters and Porters are forced to appeal to the National Mediation Board.

Prater Leads "Daily" Builders, Contra Costa

RICHMOND — First one in Contra Costa County to complete his pledge quota for the Daily Western Worker, W. J. Prater collected $20. The county quota of $250 is expected to be completed in the near future.

The CIO and the Maritime Federation

SAN FRANCISCO — Harry Bridges, Pacific Coast director of the Committee for Industrial Organization, and president of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, last week issued a statement on "The CIO and the Maritime Federation," as follows:

The position of the CIO on the Maritime Federation of the Pacific should be clear in the fact that those waterfront unions now in the CIO were the initiators of the Federation and have been its staunchest supporters ever since.

The CIO itself not only upholds the Federation but advocates and is working for extension of that same unity on a national scale. And this incidentally was one of the goals envisioned by the Federation from the start.

"Independent" Splitters

Those spokesmen who take the attitude that the Federation should remain independent and separate from the East Coast, are urging a splitting policy exactly contrary to the whole basis of the Federation. They stand today in the same position as those who urged unions to remain independent from the Federation when it was first organized.

If the Federation means anything it means unity. And if the Federation is going anywhere, it is moving toward national unity. Any other course is a course against unity and opposed to the interests of maritime labor.

HARRY BRIDGES

Since the CIO. today is the strongest advocate of national unity, opposition to the CIO naturally takes the shape of opposition to national unity.

"Super Militants"

Certain super militants within the Federation today have raised the slogan of "Save the Maritime Federation" and are conducting a campaign against national unity behind this disguise. They have even urged a referendum on the question: "Do you wish to retain the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast? Answer yes or no."

What they are really asking is: "Do you wish to ossify the Maritime Federation, prevent its development and the fulfillment of its objectives?"

What are the sponsors of this proposed referendum trying to accomplish? They want to take soundings and find out just how far their confusionist campaign has gone. They want to know if the time is right for them to press their drive for "independent unionism."

What "Independent" Means

And what does so-called "independent unionism" mean? Independence from what? Independence from the rest of labor and a direct refutation of every principle of both unity and common sense.

It is an off-shoot from the same individuals who tried to get the Sailors Union to take a separate vote on agreements during the 1936-37 lockout. It is the brain child of the same "strategists" who signed an independent sailors' agreement during that period and then, through their control of the Voice of the Federation, came out with a headline STRIKE END LOOMS.

Strike end looms—with all other unions left out on a limb!

Members Saved Federation

It was the rank and file that raised the slogan "Save the Federation" in those days, and they raised it against the very spokesmen who have adopted that slogan today as a blind for an anti-unity program.

Deliberate efforts are being made to create the notion that Pacific Coast maritime labor must choose between the Federation or the CIO. No such situation exists.

The Sailors Union of the Pacific is wording its ballots on a three-way basis to this effect: Either to affiliate with the CIO on the terms laid down by John L. Lewis; to affiliate with the AFL on the terms laid down by William Green; or to remain an independent union affiliated with the Maritime Federation.

Designed to Confuse

This wording is obviously designed to confuse the issue. It doesn't say so in so many words, but it implies that any vote but one for independence means abandoning the Federation. This is not the case and the men who worded that ballot know well enough that it is not the case. No matter which way the sailors vote, their affiliation with the Maritime Federation remains firm.

This kind of deliberate deception has no place in democratic procedure and certainly no place in unionism.

These super-militants hesitate to come right out in the open and campaign on any anti-CIO platform. They hesitate to take an open stand side by side with Green, Ryan, Hunter, Grange, Scharrenberg and the rest. So they adopted the slogan, "Save the Federation."

Green, Woll, Vandeleur and other top AFL officials are raising a similar cry of "Save the AFL." What they really mean is prevent the AFL from developing and progressing to a point where they will no longer be able to control it. And that is exactly why they drove out the CIO and declared war on it.

Saving From "Supers"

The AFL needs saving all right. It needs saving from the Greens and Wolls who are aligning themselves with employers in order to block the CIO.

The Maritime Federation needs saving too. It needs saving from these super-militants who are in alignment with William Green in an attempt to block the CIO.

They raise the cry of "Save the Federation" and use it in a deceptive attempt to fight the CIO—a fight right in line with the AFL officialdom which has persisted in a policy of "Wreck the Federation" ever since it began. The AFL Pile Drivers, shipwrights and caulkers have been ordered to withdraw from the Federation. The order came from the International Brotherhood of Carpenters which has cooperated hand in hand with efforts of Northwest lumber barons and AFL officials to smash the CIO.

Means Unity

The Federation means unity—and that means "An Injury to One Is an Injury to All." That means that an attempt to destroy a single union affiliated with the Federation is an attempt to destroy the whole Federation.

The CIO has its own slogan for the Maritime Federation. That slogan is "Build the Federation." An organization that ceases to progress soon ceases to have any real existence. These super-militants may be content to weave a cocoon of isolation around the West Coast and hatch out pie-card butterflies. But the rank and file still knows that the meaning of the Federation is UNITY, not isolation.

NMU Leads Fight

The shipowners are already united on a national scale. They are making a drive in Congress now to put over legislation that would hog-tie all maritime unions—including the SUP. And who is carrying the main burden of the fight to defeat this attack? The National Maritime Union of the East Coast.

If these super-militants of the West Coast would spend less time playing sleight of hand politics within the Federation, and using their positions to fight the CIO, and would spend more time fighting the very real dangers that exist, unity would soon be achieved and we'd hear no more of the "Save the Federation" hi-jinks.

HARRY BRIDGES.

MARINE UNIONS ATTACK BECK'S DEFI OF GOV'T

Federation District Body Backs 250 Locked-out Warehousemen

SEATTLE — District Council No. 1 of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, has gone on record in support of the locked-out 250 members of the Warehousemen's Union, ILWU 1-9, adopting the following resolution:

Whereas, 250 members of Local 1-9 ILWU have been locked-out of their employment because they insisted upon their right to belong to a union of their own choosing, and

Violate Wagner Act

Whereas, The employers have insisted that their employees must join the Teamsters Union, in open violation of the Wagner Act and of every principle of democracy, and

Whereas, The employers have been aided by the Teamster Goon Squad and the Seattle Police Department in this attempt to abrogate the rights of the employees, and

Whereas, Despite all these vicious and unprincipled attacks upon their rights, these workers have stood solidly together in maintaining their right to belong to an organization of their own choosing, and

Whereas, The National Labor Relations Act was passed by Congress as a mean of securing the rights of all workers, by law, and

Beck Defies U. S. Gov't

Whereas, Dave Beck, West Coast organizer of the Intl. Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stablemen & Helpers of America, has openly defied the National Labor Relations Board and the Federal Government by publicly stating that regardless of what decision is made by the NLRB, these locked-out workers will be kept on the streets until they join his union, and

Whereas, It is the belief of this organization that the National Labor Relations Act should be upheld and observed at all times,

Support Warehousemen

Thereafter Be It Resolved, That District Council No. 1, of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific Coast goes on record in support of the locked-out warehousemen, who are members of Local 1-9, ILWU.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to all component organizations, to Mayor Dore, City Council, Gov. Martin, LaFollette Civil Liberties Investigation Committee, and to the press.

LAYOFFS HIT IN PITTSBURG

Majority Work Slack, Say Steel Union Leaders

PITTSBURG, Contra Costa County—The steel barons' strike against recovery, via economic sabotage, has hit the 2600 steel workers here, a Western Worker reporter learned last week in an interview with President Ben Cheveraux and Financial Secretary Maurice Travis of the Amalgamated Assn. of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, Lodge 1440.

"There have been between 350 and 400 layoffs since September 1," said Cheveraux, "and the majority of the rest of us have been cut down to two to four days per week."

Tough on Men

Under the agreement between Columbia Steel Corp., a subsidiary of United States Steel, and the A. A. nationally, which covers the local mills, wage scale from $4.80 to $20 per day.

"It's pretty tough on those getting the $4.80 scale, who have to work slack," said Travis, "and they have to work plenty hard."

There have been rumors that the local mills have orders on hand which the corporation is making no attempt to fill. Additional reports say there will be more layoffs locally.

Of the nine departments in the plant, only the tin mill and the open hearth are working full time.

"As to labor-saving machinery, they installed a three-high mechanical mill in the 'hot mill,' or sheet mill, at the Torrance plant of Columbia Steel," said Cheveraux, "but they haven't perfected it. All it's turned out so far is 100 per cent scrap. I hear they have had layoffs in Torrance, as well.

Threat to Jobs

Asked as to rumors that Columbia Steel would install labor-saving machinery in Pittsburg, both Cheveraux and Travis stated they did not believe there was any immediate danger of that.

"A three-high mechanical mill cuts the employees down by 25 per cent, mainly the higher-paid classifications," continued Cheveraux. "A strip mill, if they installed it, would just about throw all of us out of work. The stuff goes in one end, and nobody touches it until it comes out the other, all finished. U. S. Steel installed one last year that cost $20,000,000. Of course, they may put in one here but I don't think they will before another year."

To Build Alliance

Cheveraux formerly worked at the Weirton Steel mills in Weirton, West Virginia.

"In order to fight these layoffs, and to insure that our membership is able to protect itself," said Travis, "we are requesting the state office of the Workers' Alliance to come over and help us organize a local of the Alliance. When the men are laid off, we want them to be able to get immediate relief at a decent standard of living."

GIVE CHARTER SUBS THIS XMAS!

Point of Order

A Trade Union Column

By JOHN BROMAN

CAPITALIST press news item: "Incorporation papers for three Los Angeles union organizations were filed with the secretary of state today. All were organized for the purpose of bargaining with employers and conducting other union activities, according to the articles. The new unions are the Independent Sportswear Union, the Independent Cab Men's Union and Independent Florists Union."

And here's a translation into plain, honest American:

"Three Los Angeles Company unions have been organized by open-shop employers in order to fight organization of their employees into genuine unions. They followed the customary company union pattern by filing incorporation papers with the secretary of state in Sacramento."

Just like the companies, their company unions are invariably incorporated. Why? That, say the employers, shows they are "responsible" organizations. True enough—responsible to the employers. But the open-shoppers are trying to use this as a "precedent" to get through legislation forcing genuine labor unions to incorporate.

Here Are the Facts

INCORPORATION of trade unions is demanded by those who wish to destroy the unions. They argue that it is needed to make the unions "responsible" and say that it is only "fair" since businesses must incorporate. What are the facts? Labor Research Assn. brings them out:

1. Business is not required to incorporate. Business men are free to operate either as individuals, as co-partnerships, or as voluntary associations. But they wish to make incorporation of unions **compulsory.**

2. Purpose of incorporation of business is to **limit** responsibility, not to establish it. Incorporation of trade unions seeks to **establish** liability in such a way as to hold the central organization responsible for irresponsible acts of individuals such as spies, agents' provocateurs and strikebreakers.

3. **Business is set up for the purpose of making profits. Trade unions are non-profit-making organizations. This is a difference that is recognized in both state and federal laws.**

4. Combinations of business men such as the various trade associations, "citizens committees," "law and order leagues," industrial associations and other anti-union bodies, are not required to and do not incorporate.

Move Toward Fascism

IT IS well known that the so-called labor unions in Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy are incorporated; in fact, in Italy they known as "corporate trade unions." The free trade unions have long since been destroyed, and with them all decent working conditions and wages.

The way to defeat fascism in this country is to defeat every semblance of it as it appears; as soon as a tentacle of the octopus appears, smash it off.

Incorporation of unions is such a tentacle. Smash it!

ILWU EXPOSES FINK CONTRACT

Seattle AFL Officials Tie Up Drug Warehouses

(ILWU 1-9 Press Release)

SEATTLE—Disclosure of the "fink" contract forced upon unsuspecting employees of the "jurisdictional" bound drug companies, was made here by the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union. The contract was made, written and conceived by officials of the drug companies and by AFL "labor dictators."

The most startling part of the agreement is a clause which states that "starting and quitting time is to be at the reasonable discretion of the employer."

And then, not satisfied with letting the employers work their help any time of the day or night, the gracious AFL adds that, should a holiday come during the week, the employees may be worked the remaining days of the week—without overtime pay—to make up for the day off.

Strikebreaking

The AFL agrees to act as a strikebreaking agency in the event the employees in CIO-organized plants go on strike. In other words, the AFL agrees that in the event ILWU warehousemen should strike in San Francisco for improved wages or working conditions, that the AFL would notify the public that the management was fair to organized labor, both locally and nationally.

The contract blandly states: "The Federation (AFL) agrees that there shall be no jurisdictional disputes with regard to the representatives with whom the employer shall deal at any such place of business with respect to any matter hereunder, and in case of such dispute, the employer shall be required to deal only with the Federation itself, or representatives designated by it."

No Job Protection

In other words, should the employer dismiss a worker for union activities, the employer would settle the difficulty in a conference with AFL officials, without even inviting the aggrieved employee to sit in.

None of the employees had any knowledge of the agreement's provisions, and they were not allowed to read or discuss it, being told, in effect, that they could work under it or not work at all.

AFL Anti-Gangster Move in Minnesota

Trotzkyites Try to Block Real Probe In Slaying of Teamster Official

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—While the Meyer Lewis-Trotzkyite combination in leadership of General Drivers Local 544 was making desperate efforts to prevent an inquiry broad enough to get at the bottom of the recent killing of Patrick H. Corcoran, Local 544 leader, the American Federation of Labor voluntary committee for driving gangsterism out of the trade union movement issued a call for a mass open hearing.

The hearing on gangsterism was to be held Wednesday, December 1. The call was signed by 22 leading business agents, organizers and officers of AFL unions in Minneapolis, and subsequently endorsed at a special meeting of the leading officials of the Committee for Industrial Organization here. The tide of public opinion is growing against the gangsterism imported by the Trotzkyite-Meyer Lewis group.

Aid Republicans

The aim of the Trotzkyites and the extreme right wing of the AFL bureaucrats, whose gangsterism and racketeering resulted in the Corcoran slaying, is clearly bent on splitting the labor and Farmer-Labor forces, preparing to defeat Farmer-Labor Governor Benson in the coming elections and thus pave the way for a reactionary Republican.

Meyer Lewis' statement, designed to drive a wedge between the AFL and CIO, contained a thinly veiled attack on Governor Benson. The Trotzkyite - dominated Northwest Organizer was last week given over to a vicious attack on the leadership of the 6000 CIO machinists.

The machinists are issuing a special edition of their union bulletin, 70,000 copies for the Twin Cities.

"Dirty Dozen" Injunction Suit Is Continued Again

LOS ANGELES—Further continuation in the court hearing for an injunction against San Pedro Stevedores affiliating with the CIO Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union, was ordered last week by Superior Judge Ruben S. Schmidt.

Hearing in the case, which was brought by the "dirty dozen" remaining members in the ILA, will continue Tuesday, November 30.

ILG Elects Mini Carson President

Garment Union Joint Board Sends Two Delegates to Non-Partisan League

SAN FRANCISCO—In a recent election, Mini Carson was elected president of Dressmakers Local 101 of the Intl. Ladies Garment Workers Union, being unopposed for the office. She is a member of the state committee of the Communist Party.

Ann McGrath defeated Zena Druckman for vice-president. Both new officers are also members of the local executive committee, and Mini Carson is also a member of the ILGWU Joint Board.

LNPL Convention

The former president and vice president, who had been elected last March in the regular elections, resigned.

Jay Mencoff, president of the joint board, and Hyman Delman were elected as the board's two delegates to the state convention of Labor's Non-Partisan League, on December 11-12 in San Francisco. The ILGWU are also electing delegates.

L. A. Judge Again Hits at Labor

LOS ANGELES — Superior Judge Emmett Wilson again lashed out against labor when he issued a temporary anti-picketing injunction against the AFL Venetian Blind Workers' Union.

Presenting fabulous charges of "damages to property and violence to individuals," Columbia Mills, Inc., procured the order restraining the union and about 350 John Does from "violence and intimidation." Hearing for a permanent injunction was set for December 1.

Cops Strikebreaking

At the same time, the company sought "damages" for $100,000 against the union. Also named as defendant was the AFL Carpenters' & Joiners.

Meanwhile, backed by the injunction and a strong force of strikebreaking police, the factory re-opeed, but with less than half a regular operating force.

The strike has been in effect since October 1, with the factory at a standstill since October 4.

Be a Lifer! Get the Daily "Western" for Life by Raising 100 Dollars

Boycott Japan!

By MRS. RAY CHAPMAN

(Maritime Fed. Auxiliary, San Francisco)

Let's all wear cotton stockings, girls
'Till the Japanese their carnage cease.
'Tis an easy way of furthering
The cause of right and peace.

There are untold eager workers
In the good old U. S. A.,
Would be glad to weave them for you
At union hours and pay.

Could you see a blood-drenched Chinese mother
With a dead child in her arms?
Would you still wear silken stockings
To adorn your youthful charms?

SUPPORT KING 'DOWN UNDER'

Australia and New Zealand Labor Hits Frame-up

SEATTLE—Every Trades and Labor Council in both Australia and New Zealand is passing a resolution petitioning that the Appellate Court of California grant a new trial to the leaders of the Marine Firemen's Union, Earl King, E. G. Ramsay and F. J. Conner, according to the members of the crew of the Canadian-Australian mail liner, "Niagara," which has just arrived in Vancouver, B. C.

The three former union officers were arrested on murder charges at the beginning of the negotiations which preceded the maritime strike of '36, and now are in San Quentin Prison, awaiting the hearing of the First District Court of Appeals of California, which may grant a new trial the first of the year.

Frame-up Victims

The three men are victims of the attempts to crush the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

British labor also has been active in behalf of the defendants because Earl King, one-time head of the Canadian Marine Firemen and formerly a citizen of the Dominion, had been distinguished for his efforts to win higher wages and standards of living for the Canadian maritime workers.

Later, he was Seattle Agent for the Marine Firemen during the '34 strike and the tanker strike of '35, helping to organize the powerful Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and then he was elected to go to San Francisco as the executive secretary of the MFOW Pacific Coast district of his union.

Defense Committee in B.C.

The Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver B. C., Earl King's former home port, recently organized a local King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, with J. Maskell of the Inland Boatmen's Union as secretary.

Signed petitions requesting a new trial are coming in from all parts of the American continent, and will continue to be received until December 15, according to the King-Ramsay-Conner Defense Committee, 84 Seneca St., Seattle.

ILD Launches Its '37 Xmas Drive

NEW YORK — Dr. Mary E. Woolley, former president of Mount Holyoke College, Dr. Hannah M. Stone, Babette Deutsch, Josephine Herbst, Leane Zugsmith, leading American writers, Stella Adler, stage star, are among sponsors of the 1937 Christmas Drive for Labor's Prisoners and their families.

"They join with us in calling upon all progressive people to do as much as they can for men, women and children who depend on friends for warmth, food, clothing for the winter," said Rose Baron, Intl. Labor Defense Prisoners Relief Director.

Contributions may be made to the ILD, 80 East 11th St., New York, or to any state or branch office of the ILD.

L. A. Council OK's Convict Labor

LOS ANGELES—Request of A. G. Matteson, chairman of a Machinists Union shop committee, that convict labor be eliminated from the police garage, was turned down by the city council on plea by Police Chief James E. Davis.

"This diversion and exercise, prompted by humanitarian considerations, is provided in order to avoid and overcome the enervating effects of solitary confinement," explained Davis, neglecting to mention that the prisoners receive no compensation, that the use of this type of labor constitutes a threat to all trade unions.

Labor-Hater Sounds Off

Davis' arguments were concurred in by labor-hating Councilman James M. Hyde.

"The city should never allow itself to be placed in a position where labor unionists, operating under a closed shop in municipal departments can halt business through a strike," warned Hyde.

The shop committee is also asking complete removal from authority of the present police management of the garage "to prevent friction," and the appointment of a civilian shop foreman.

The police department was also accused of violating civil service procedure by working 12 policemen out of classification on duties properly classified under mechanical trades.

Business Agent Bob Says

THE United Mine Workers Journal records the following on its joke page:

"I have 20 inquiring reporters on my newspaper staff."

"Oh, you mean the ones that go around asking questions?"

"Yes, they're always inquiring when they're going to get a raise."

Looks like the Newspaper Guild has organized a new chapter!